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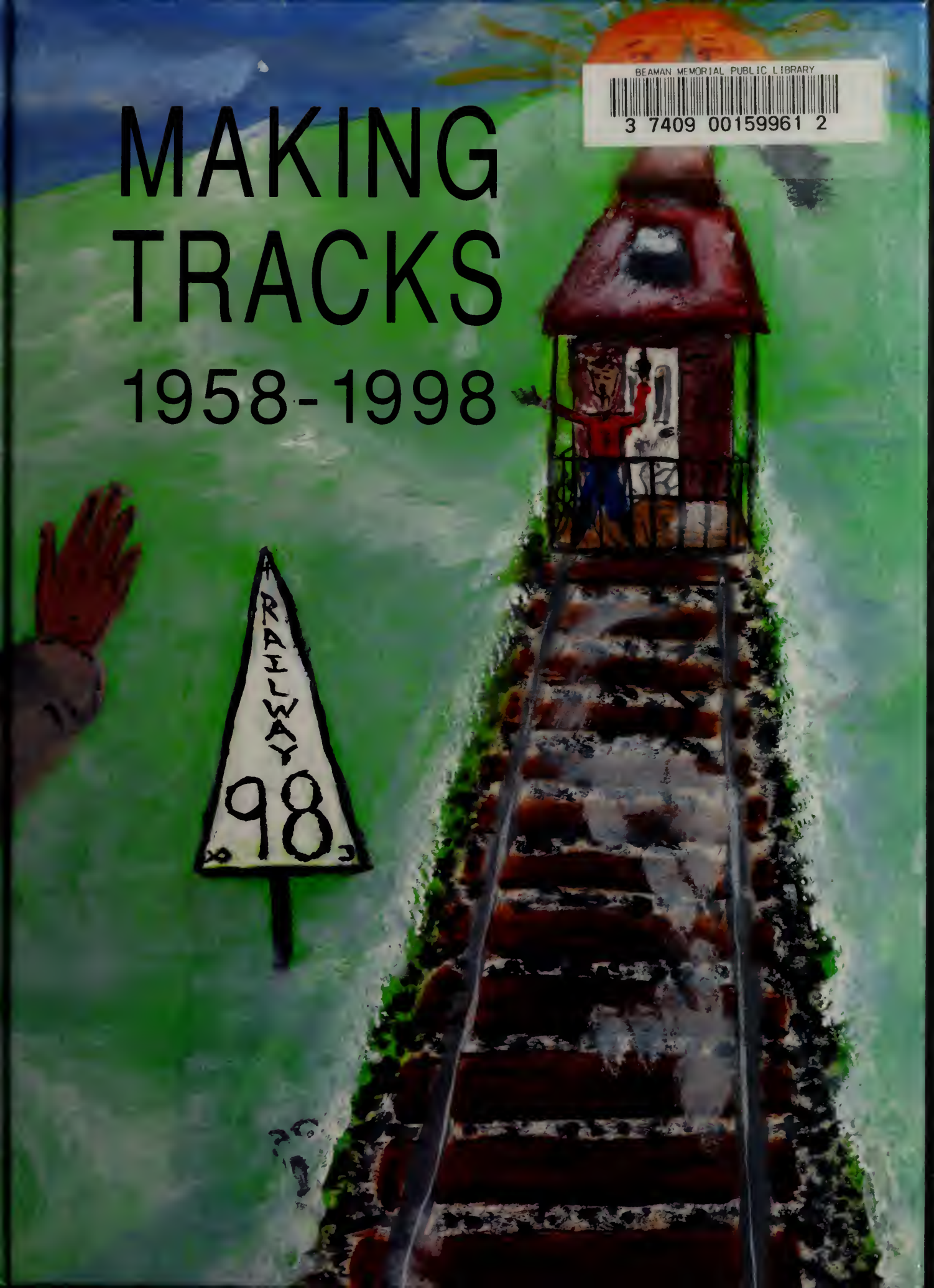

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"It is not always what lies at the end of the road that makes the journey worth-while, but rather what one finds along the way."
- Anonymous

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DEDICATION: MR. STEVE CARVILLE

"He's the *MAN!*"

"Mr. Carville does everything and never complains."

"He'll always talk to us, like we're real people."

"Friendly"

"One time, he had just washed the windows when some people from another school came to egg the building. Mr. Carville rewashed all the windows without a complaint. That's just the kind of guy he is."

Mr. Carville is not only the head janitor at the school, he's also an alumni of West Boylston High School, class of 1971. When winter and spring come, and we "make tracks" in the hallway, he's the one who makes sure our school remains sparkling clean. His friendly smile welcomes all who pass him in the hallway. He is willing to go the extra step to help anyone who needs anything. He helps many students who have difficulty fitting in in a traditional classroom setting. He is down to earth and treats students and staff with equal respect. His work ethic and dedication to the school are a model to everyone. We, the class of 1998 dedicate our yearbook to him because he has shown us that it is not just our teachers who teach us life's most important lessons.

Have you ever seen the train that runs through town and wondered, "Will it ever carry *me* away?"

Making Tracks

For forty years, kids in West Boylston have wondered the same thing. Where did those tracks lead? Do they lead to something better? Worse? For forty years, kids just like you have graduated from WBHS, some off to bigger things, some staying here, finding happiness in the comfort of home. Were any of them that much different from you? We hope to show you in this yearbook that the last forty years have brought many changes. **As a school, we have made tracks**. We also feel we have **made our own tracks** here in the halls of WBHS, tracks that classes to come will see and remember us by. This yearbook is but one of those tracks. Although it is fun to laugh at old pictures, it is also fitting that we smile at how much we have remained the same. Most of all, like every senior who has graduated, we leave, by train or otherwise, to **make fresh tracks** in the world.

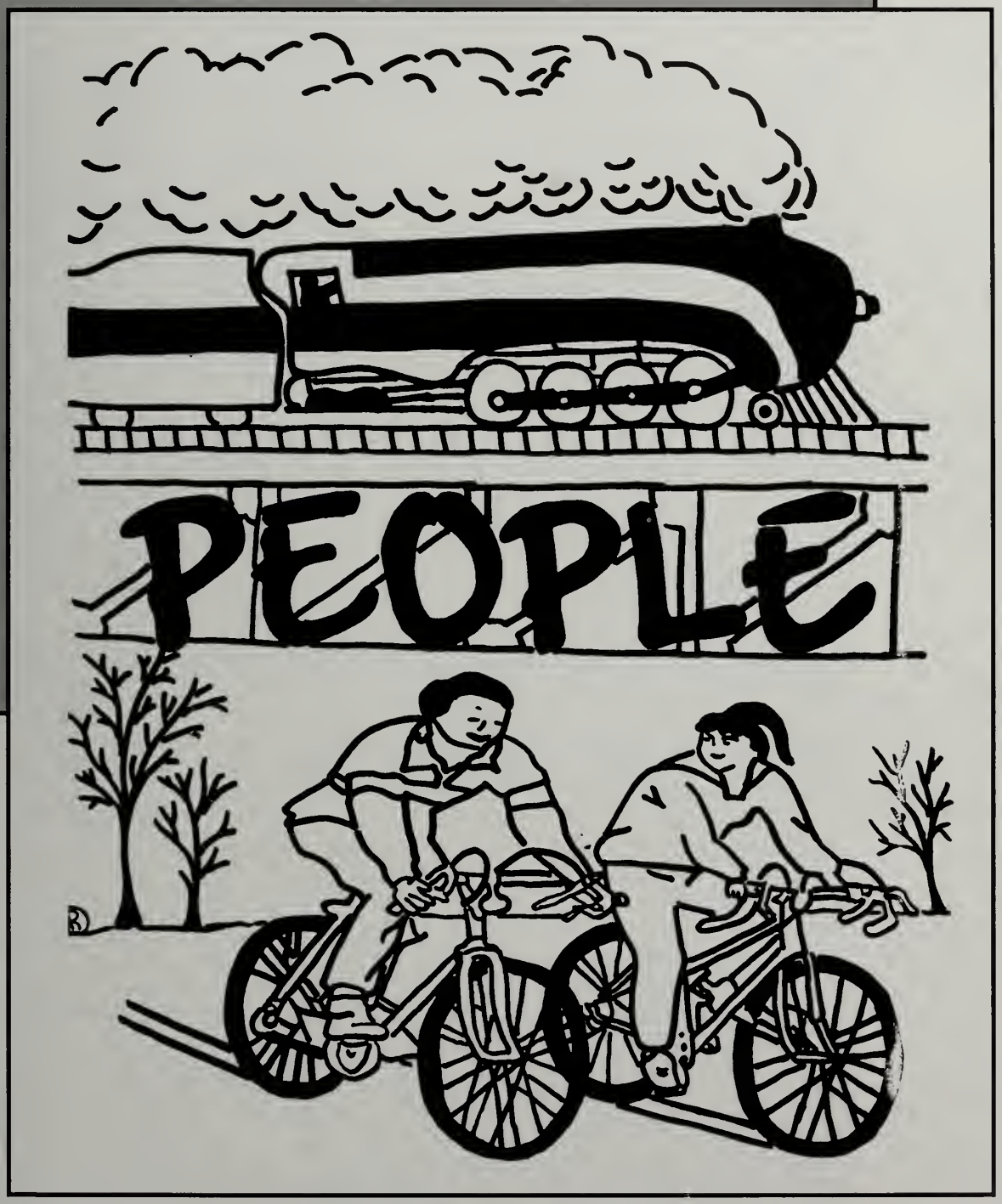
Looking at formal dances through the years, you can see the tracks that have been made. Top, the court of the 1965 Senior Ball. Middle, the 1976 Homecoming Court, and bottom, the Senior members of this year's Homecoming dance. While the changes are dramatic, the similarities are there as well. Are the girls just as excited? Did they spend just as much time worrying about their hair and dress? Do memories from 1965 last any any longer than ours will today? Yes, we have made tracks, but in a way, the tracks we have travelled have been the same.

1968

1998

1978

Keeping Track



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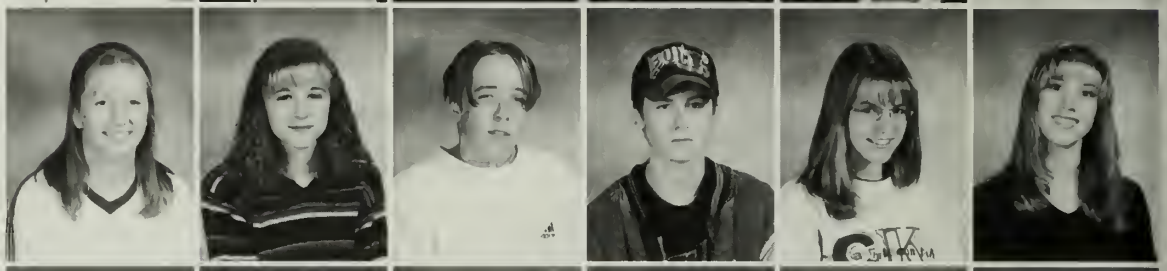

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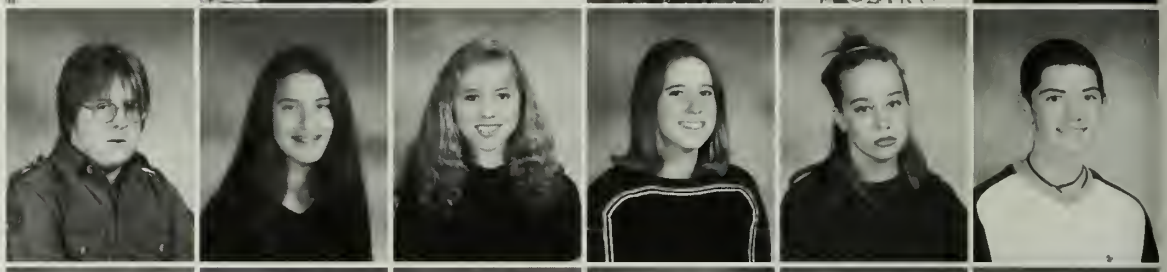

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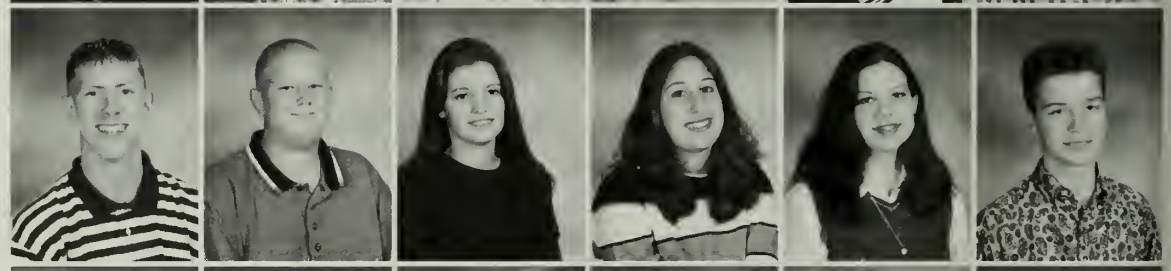

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Kimberly O'Neil

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Woodley Pochette
Nolan Pucko
Lindsay Richards

William Ritter
Jason Rives
Erin Roach
Abbey Sibucao
Baili Sibucao
Rachel Sibucao

Kaitlyn Smith
Jennifer Smola
Richard Stepien

Jeffrey Valois
Daniel Volk

Thomas Welton

Class of 2001

It's their first year of high school, but the Class of 2001 show that it doesn't take experience to show class spirit

Freshmen Get Started

Freshman are Sensational!
Just take a little purple glitter, some purple paint, a dash of creativity, and a lot of Freshman spirit and you've got a great Homecoming banner!

Wig out!
Katie Barry demonstrates one simple solution to the "bad hair day" dilemma

Freshman Invasion has Landed!
Will Ritter, Erin Roach, Caroline Hookway, Abbey Sibucao, Eileen Gardell, Kim O'Neil, Baili Sibucao, Rachel Sibucao, Kaitlyn Smith and Laura Buckley freak out on Alien Day.

Priestley's Prodigies:
Nicole LaPlume, Jennifer Smola, and Marlene Hill chat while working on their plates in Mechanical Drawing class.

In the Cafeteria:
Luis Pabon seems to be enjoying what was served for lunch this day. Was it pizza day? Fried Chicken? Only Luis knows, and he's not telling.

Homecoming Enthusiasm:
Emily Howe and Laura Buckley don the typical high school boy's uniform: baseball caps, baggy clothing, and backpacks.

On Set:
Carrie Drzik, Baili Sibucao, Sheila Pedapati, Lindsay Garvey, and Emily Howe gather on the Freshman Play Comp set.

Pep Rally Spectators
Matt Greaney, Jeff Valois, Jeremy Johnson, Rick Stepian, Tom Welton, Matt Monroe, and Dan Volk watch the Sumo Wrestling Challenge that is taking place on the floor.

Pull with all your Might!
Bedecked in purple, Freshmen including Nolan Pucko, Tom Welton, Jeremy Johnson, Dan Mercurio, Will Ritter and Lindsay Richards compete in vain for the coveted Tug-o-War title.

David Agurkis
Andrew Agurkis
Timothy Agurkis
Jessica Allen
Jessica Andersen
Vanessa Anderson

Christopher Arnieri
Michael Berkey
Amanda Bjorkland
Brian Bjorkland
Monique Bonneau
Lynn Borden

Kathy Bui
Jillian Burtt
Anthony Carlo
Sarah Carter
Katelyn Cassidy
Gregory Christo

Tara Coakley
Ali Cote
Daniel Donovan
Alicia Dungey
Lindsey Early
Jennifer Fancy

James Foster
Amy Garry
Derrick Genova
Kimberly Halpin
Matthew Hashway
Michael Hennault

Kevin Hennessey
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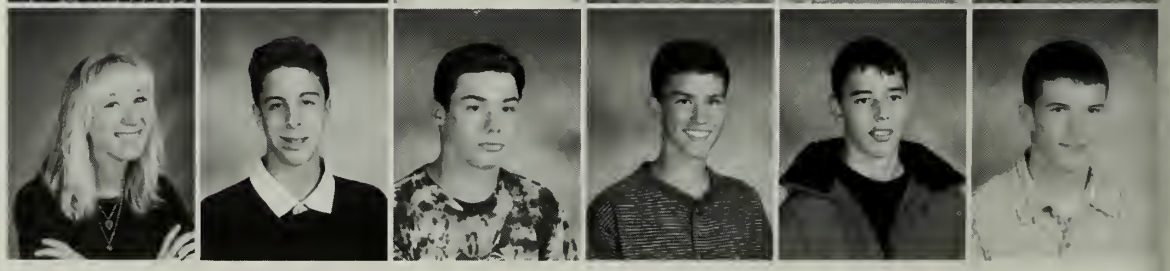

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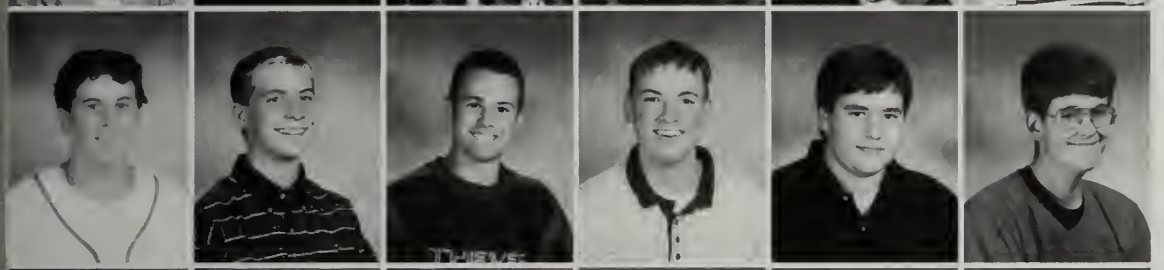

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Brian Richardson
David Roseberry
Paul Rotti

Angela Russo
Kimberly Spurling
Jessica Stelmok
Rebecca Sunter
Brett Supernor
Kate Swalec

Mary Ellen Sylvester
Shannon Szymkiewicz
Rossella Trafecante

Class of 2000

Danny Truong
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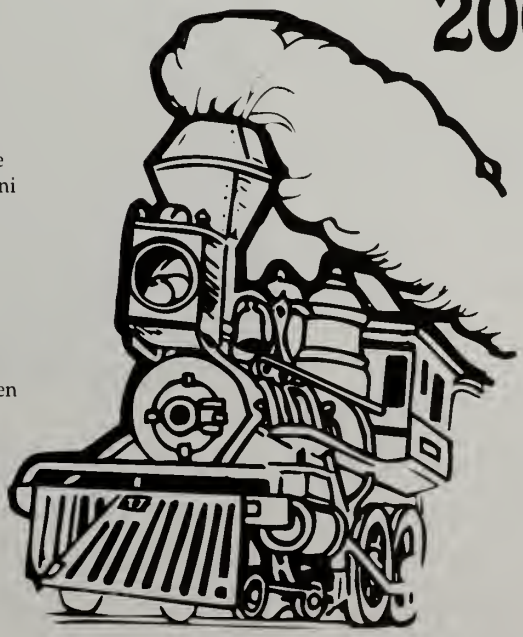

Beautiful Ladies:

Monique Bonneau, Dan Donavan and Jill Burtt shed their regular school clothes for dressier threads at the Homecoming Dance.

Smiling Couple:

Mike Hennault and Melissa Johnson are enjoying themselves at the Homecoming dance.

Hallway Huddle:

Melissa Ivers and Erica Monroe are on their way to class.

Orange They Great?

Jo Leith and Mike Berkey have searched the mall long and hard for orange clothing and they got their money's worth.

Babysitters with Guns:

Greg Christo gets help from Brian Richardson guarding his Health Class infant on the night of Play Comps. Don't try to kidnap this kid -- these guys have cardboard guns!

Dancing the Night Away:

Vanessa Anderson, Amy Menard and Greta Hoss don't look like they're too cold at the Shiverin' Shin-dig dance.

Opposite Sex Day:

Alicia Dungey, Kat Kimball, and Amanda Whalen are tough guys during Homecoming week.

Infamous Trio:

Matt Isgro, Jeff Turcotte and Chris Polakowski dress up during Homecomig week as their favorite villains - Fidel Castro, the Unabomber and a disco king.

It's Hennesey. Kevin Hennesey.

Waiting in the cafeteria for his turn on stage, Kevin Hennesey is dressed to kill as James Bond in the Sophomore Play Comp entry.

Sophomores Show Spunk!

From homecoming to the Play Comps victory, the Class of 2000 shows us that they're ready for the new millenium.

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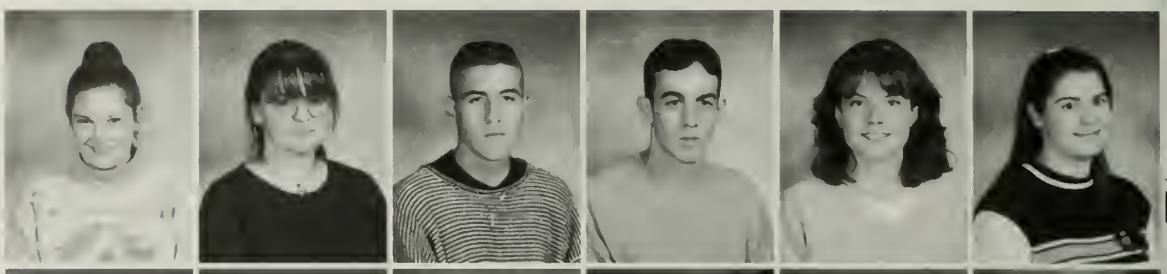

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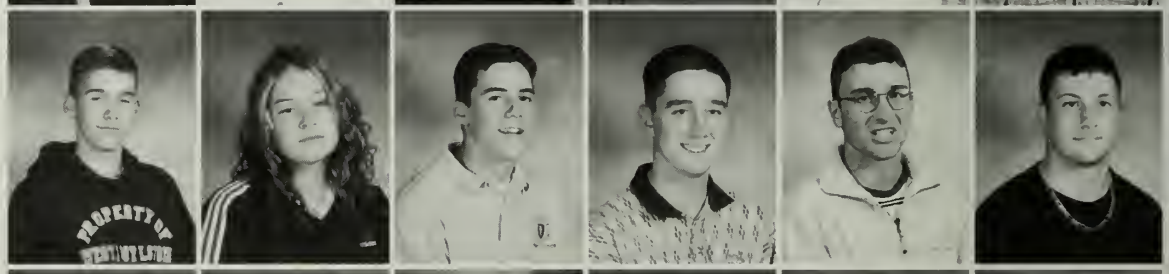

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Lauri Marshall
Michael Mazzone

Mark McCaffery
Morgan McGrath
Talia Mercurio
Christopher Morin
David Morrissey
Sean Mulryan

Shawn O'Neil
Thomas Ollila
Paul Osterberg
Michael Parker
Benjamin Pellerin
Jonathan Pearlin

Katie Perry
Heidi Peterson
Patricia Poirier
Andrew Prochnow
Abita Raj
Karen Ricardi

Jesse Rives
Katy Roach
Aaron Roberts
Kimberly Rotti
Jessica St. George
Scott Sherwood

Jessica Smola
Won Sullivan
Dana Tambeau
Paul Tringuk
Mimy Truong
Brian Volk

Sarah Whitney
Brett Younginger

Class of 1999

Absent:
Emily Banks
Jonas Cope
Bryan Koza
Bobbie-Jo Nugent
Eric Olsen
Stephanie Serewicz
Thomas Tamalavitch

Juniors are in the Thick of It!

Juniors take the SAT's, stress over the prom and wait for their chance to rule the school.

Camping Out:
Juniors refuse to let the lion be any color except red and they're willing to sacrifice sleep and dignity to make sure it is. Their work was worth it -- red paint drips from the old mascot's body.

Don't mess with this guy!
Joe Cavan shows he's pumped to win the annual Tug of War. Those muscles ought to intimdate those freshmen weaklings!

Hats off!
Scott Sherwood and Matt Demma, seen here sans baseball caps, show us what it means to have a bad hair day.

Fearless Leaders:
These Junior Class members are active as student council members: Tim Curran, Courtney Koppenal, Aaron Roberts, Sarah Buckley, Jon Pearlin, Meghan Barry, Brendan Mahoney, Jess Smola, and Ben Attella

It's Warm in There!
Mark McCaffrey is ready to serve as the Lion Mascot for the Pep Rally.

Up to No Good:
Ben Attella and Stepahine Serewicz are dressed for some late night vice - Ah Hem... we hope those are just Homecoming week costumes.

Sumo Champion?
Brendan Mahoney didn't win this round of the Sumo Wrestling. The Sumo suits were rented as part of the Pep Rally entertainment and class representatives faught it out.

Cuddly Teddy Bear:
Aaron Roberts catches forty winks in the bus to the Student Council conference at Cape Cod.

Hee Haw!
Members of the junior class are decked out in their best Hill-billy attire for their Play Comps play, "Great Smokies."

Switching Tracks to highlight the...

Class of 1998

Jeffrey Douglas Abramson

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;"
-Henry Longfellow

The end has come! Thanks mom and dad for all your support-Mitch,Sean: riding to Wachusett, and Papa Gino's in the snow-stopping at the Quicky SS-SF-MC hockey at the church and the lily ponds riding in the res & from the MDC where are we? TD: don't worry we'll get Jesse's car out & you'll get home in time JC-HP: beep beep.labs are better done in math KA-MF:pre-cal & the plant-BB trip to Spencer; mount view with JB RC Beatles book-SF:Grafton.20 tips.where is the rope swing?-Time to move on. . . .

Erin Lynne Acomb

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never ever the same." - Unknown

WB-SM JM KQ MH JS AP SS LH -thanks for everything. MH -boogers, oilies, sleep at lion KQ -We hate Veronica!, you flirt! HL -stop & shop, Sam, locker trips LE -scott, big papa, lotus -i'll miss you/BVA -p6oc- NT MH KM NP TL BL JC PE. TL -CVS! NT-bva, ep, carlos'saga, 5hrs,"our level". KM -Mccoy's Chris, aol, Dookie!, ring ring. MV NT MH -providence summer drives. My BFF's -Meg-SLS, yogurt runs, mike & brad, get out of car, your box, silver, vermont: deanna!, my eye-brow!, you're falling! LW -4of july, bs-er, latenight CW -buff, hot tub, tman, green halgh! Dad Mom Kyle Kayla Hanny cody raj -thanks for everything, love you.

Keith David Anderson

To all of my friends, It's been a great four years. R.C. "the turkey," T.D. the funniest kid I ever met, and D.V. the person they all thought was my brother. And N.K. my friend who is M.I.A. To all my friends, D.V., R.C., B.B., J.A., M.F., T.D., J.P., P.R., N.K., M.N. Have a great time...

William J. Beeman

"You got to follow your dreams wherever your dreams may lead you" - Elvis Presley

High School has been a long ride. It has been both a bumpy and smooth ride, but a fun ride. I have made a lot of great friends, friends I probably will still see after high school. During the four years I have spent in West Boylston High School I feel I have grown into the person my Dad and family would have wanted me to be, but most of all the person I want to be. If I had the chance to do it all again, I would not change a thing.

Laurent A. Benedetti

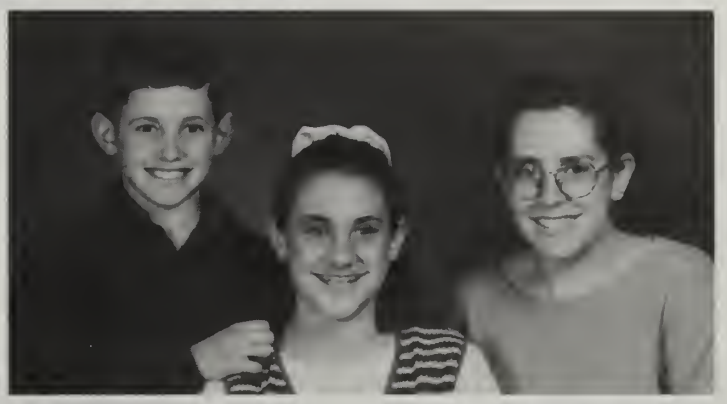
"Sometimes opportunity knocks softly, so listen carefully" -croissant

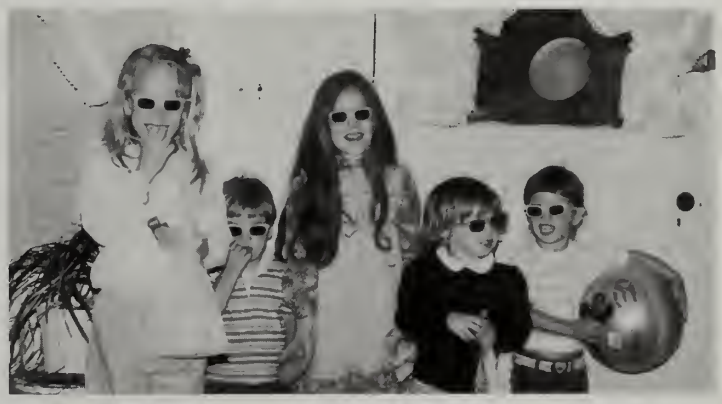
Thanks mom and dad. MD. Much Love. PB and Dionysis. Bah, Bah. DL, "Dr. Livingstone I presume?" MF and good times together. Thanks to all. KQ, MH, AP, JS, MN, and to all, good luck with your future years.

Kelly Ann Bjorklund

And as we wind on down the road, Our shadows taller than our souls, There walks a lady we all know, Who shines while light and wants to show."
- Led Zeppelin

JP TM TP CH JS MM MN AL KT JA LE HL EA HP Lotus. MA SH HB MD's house 3am poker the beach super soaker water gun shuffling cards HP basketball season I got that one he's mine TP HL NH MK Columbus Day Weekend Frozen Trampoline Freeze pops Unwatched movies Sleepovers Chicklits P&B sandwich crisco banana ketchup "Keystomytruck" SC AT NH pager Searstown Mall 90mph JA LE Behave yourself when Im gone McDonalds drivethru JM DA JA AB no more riding in the trunk MN Puff Daddy LE HL WS oneway street down town Palladium Dennys HL & my house nice body inn ice car MD Matt Keep in touch nice driving p trampoline JC's Haunted house TP concert with BC MK CH RC together 4ever Mom Dad Amanda Bob I love you





Elizabeth Lea Bridleman

"Sit in reverie, and watch the changing color of the waves that break upon the idle seashore of the mind" - Henry Longfellow

Time has drifted into night & to the morning sunrise. My companions, Chris - beautifully profound & captivating, Syd - accomplice in many conquests, Trav - meandering soul, Dave - splendid wonder, we have shared an endless voyage across colored farmlands. To the intellects - Melis, Jess & Leann - Rolos, intentcity, Phish - times we have! To my Mom & Dad - I give much thanks. Another page turns & the universe remains a mystery. Fare you well...

Laurie Beth Caola

John Allen Casamassima

KH SM EM TD SS JM TF KQ LB MF JA KK HP LJ LH SS CH EW KH -clinton dam. 1/26/98. abdow's. SM-we have cats. bush personal joke. EM-playing cards yard sale camp TD- Oiyee. funny. SS -McDonalds run JM- Hampton. chinese rice.the Germ crabs. MF- Bally's. hurry up. JA & HP- BEEP. BEEP. here comes the Tuna. LJ- lost in NH. Kids. 495. LH- college visits the bet the T.card tricks EW- Bergs Sunflower Skiing SS-SRU CH - the hat. KK- Hampton go get some camping (wink wink). word perfect. DTW. Frank. Biggie Wiggy. Holiday Spirit. Copley Place. St Ides. sand pits. the rock. neon fish. dance at the dance?. bonnie & clyde. vanners wknd. cheshire fair. Thanks for everything mom & Phil.

Heather Noel Chasse

"The most beautiful emotion we can experience is the mystical. It is the power of all true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead. To know that what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty, which our dull faculties can comprehend only in their most primitive forms."

Out!98 Liz Sid Jay Shawna (Pete) Erin..miss You Guys! Nicole and Tana Do You Mind If I Look At Your Plate? Aaron~I LoveYou Forever Mom Dad Rach Thanks For Everything, I luv You. Mmm..grilled cheese VERMONT OR BUST!

Ross Michael Chila

"The movement you need is on your shoulders"
-The Beatles

CARISA, BEEMER, Trav, ChrisN, JillP, Steve, Coops+Juel, Forrest, Jeff, Dan, Keith and Riggs. 4DAY WEEKENDS. LATE FOR SCHOOL-OH NO! Golf #1 9-12 FRIDAY NIGHTS with Bill and Trav "OLLYOLLYOXEFREE" Homecoming Football Night 10/25/96. 2 times for license THE SLAAB, 69 CHARGER, maybe I will get one someday DUKES OF HAZZARD Mr. Bean. Arm broken JVBaseball YANKEES 96 CHAMPS! Hunting Lodge in N.H. STARWARS TRILOGY. BEATLES. Gym with Mr.B, movies in McGoo's class SNOOZE FEST, FUGIGOLF WileECoyote Taz JOHN LENNON, CARISA I LOVE YOU! Bill Best Buds. Mom, Dad, Phil, Mark thanks for everything. STORMY I'm finally out of here, off to college.

Michael Anthony Cooper

"Your imagination is the key to life's upcoming attractions." - Albert Einstein

Thank you Mrs. Parker, Mom, Billie, and the DePatsy Family. Flanagan, I won that game and did your share! SORRY SHAWN(409). Jeff, come fix the fence. Ya, Juel, I'll stay after. Nate, watch those bleachers! Laurent, those peppers were nothing. Beaman get you're suite on WB mafia. Riggs Don't Shoot!! Flanagan, Fuzzy, and Shawn down on the ponds. Juel I loved you since 8th grade and always will. Anderson clean out your trunk. Lisa Mona do you want a in the kick. Juel, cover me (8th grade). Riggs watch the sneaker. Juel you're awesome, thanks for everything.

Sydney Elizabeth Davis

"Now I've been smiling lately, thinkin' about the good things to come, and I believe it could be, something good has begun." - Cat Stevens

SYD#13 to my kind buddies Liz Dave Trav & Chris Liz- my patient procrastinator & companion Dave- leaping fairies your face stayed w/ me as I ventured across the world Trav- The romantic mystery My mellow friend Chris- The caring antagonist & playful devil Rob- Sinister After School Specials PHISH- Just can't stop dancing Josh- My confidant JG MD LL- times we've had KQ- URI BDay buddies KR_ Weesh Good Luck Mark- A beachful of memories AUSTRALIA 97 CINDER- my sister MUM- Ta SB AL JG KH Mom & Dad - I love you Thanks so much Ian- My brother, my best friend I love you We've been on a bit FARE THEE WELL

Juel Kama DePatsy

"To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved". - George MacDonald

Finally! Roller skating Party. MIKE EXPELLED. People, Can We Have One Conversation? LH, Lets Explore. Home Ec 9th GR. was the best. Tempers! SF & Mike I Don't Walk On My Skates! TW myrtle & yrs. RC, Bullwinkle. CH, ilu Wash. (MIKE). TM doctors. JENN ILU. KW i miss you. JP pumpkins. TP dirty dishes, stick you with apin. HP i'm telling. DV it's been 6 yrs. JS thanx 4 the rides. SF paper football. ROB thumb wars. TD forest! BB, elvis. MIKE You Wanna Stay After? MRS. BOV. thanx for the passes. RC & SF you're seeing things in the bushes. THANX 4 EVERY - THING MOM & DAD ILU. LANE ilu. you gotta pitch! MIKE, YOU'RE THE BEST, THANX FOR BEING THERE. I LOVE YOU. TOGETHER FOREVER

Timothy John Dunn, Jr.

"There are places I remember, all my life, though some have changed." -The Beatles

JC BH JA SF KA MM SS MF RC CH KQ MH JP SO BR BM JL GC BP BA JS DD SC PR KF NK BB DD ZD AL LH TM BK JK (C.Y.C.) JC-No, you're so funny. Do ya want to go downtown? CYC basketball, baseball, volleyball JA RC-beatle book / art class. CAPTAIN AHAB. South Park gym class KB- Shut Up! Art- NYC. Golf-Green Hill. Sat. morn/Fri. night clean up. Who won the horserace? KA- Tapping me on the shoulder doesn't work. SF- OMN I a low rider? JC MM TP ED- the biggest English class in the world. dagwoods Thanks for all of your support Mom Dad and Katie.

Erin Elizabeth Dupuis

"I have never let schooling interfere with my education." - Mark Twain

Thrown into an institution with 100's of other ambitious yet confused kids, you realize the adults here are eager to teach you all this stuff but the forced-fed style of education is as revolting as the day's school lunch. School is a game and the objective is at your discretion. Be happy, bring your own books, rise up, stand up for your beliefs, think positive. "I have no more encouraging a fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by a conscious endeavor," HDT. Love and tks to mom dad mike kel brit tet Go jay art Pete shawna josh see you on the farm. Good luck friends.

Jonathan Michael Earls

"All the world's a stage"
-Shakespeare

The "shagin" wagon I drove moments I will never forget! Designs Thank you to anyone who created something positive in my life. Thanks Mom, Dad, Steph, Beth, Laurel, I love you guys! Cindy, Sarah, Will never forget senior year, class of '98, PAWS, 9 drama, English, Central and States, performance, student council, gym w/ Belfs, Pizza Stop, announcements. Imagine that Jess! My wife doesn't even know I have it! On to bigger and better things (B-way). There are moments I will never forget! Thanks guys & gals, it was not bad at all.

Kristina Marie Fancy

"This above all: to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."
-William Shakespeare

Friends 4ever SP TB AC -love you so much Old friends MN JS DV KA- only the good die young Rainbow love MB MS MT KH GT RR - oh so special Lunch buddies WL HP LA KB - I think there's a piece of food in your hair Heroes mine BK Al TD Alanna-Can I kiss your shoes? Tim! Count! Falcon Song-you are beautiful! Oh dark thirty at sunset Emben lake! TB -CJ is lovely just like mommy! MN- through good and bad and hose together forever. Theater Oz Robin Hood X2 Peter Pan Birdie Abner Play Comps. JP- a co-directer and friend- wonderful! AP- Dmitri and strawberry cheesecake!! SOLUBRIOUS!

Tara Ann Fanning

The most enchanting sight to be seen, I have yet to see: the dearest life of all the world is waiting somewhere for me. -Cinderella

2 My Friends Ill Miss U Good Luck ILU BL SK PS MP SS JS TW TV SS KT JE HP JM BP EF KC -BL- Whats Under The Futon? MMBs 311 Birdcage BLT Car Chases Camping Budies-SK- Dykerd 1st Impression 2Remember Wheres the glass Lake House Exploding Jeeps Lost again MtM Newport Creamery Coney Island Interuptions Sroom New Years ++ -DR- U Taught me so much, my silver spring ILU ALWAYS6795-MP- Getting stopped 2-s don't =+ ilu -TW- Robbers wanna roll in the grass DQ Boat Parties Skiing VKs @ Myrtle -JS- Assumption Hes Stalking U Clinton Dam A Choking V Day - AP- Prom Night Dares Camping BM BB Dont hog the bed -BP- The Lion King Ninjas -JA JS LB- GS Steve Miller -PS- Seagulls Motel6 Hampton -TG- Sorry I care Remember 4eva -Thanx Mom, Dad & Family ILU -Ill Try Not 2 Miss U WB!

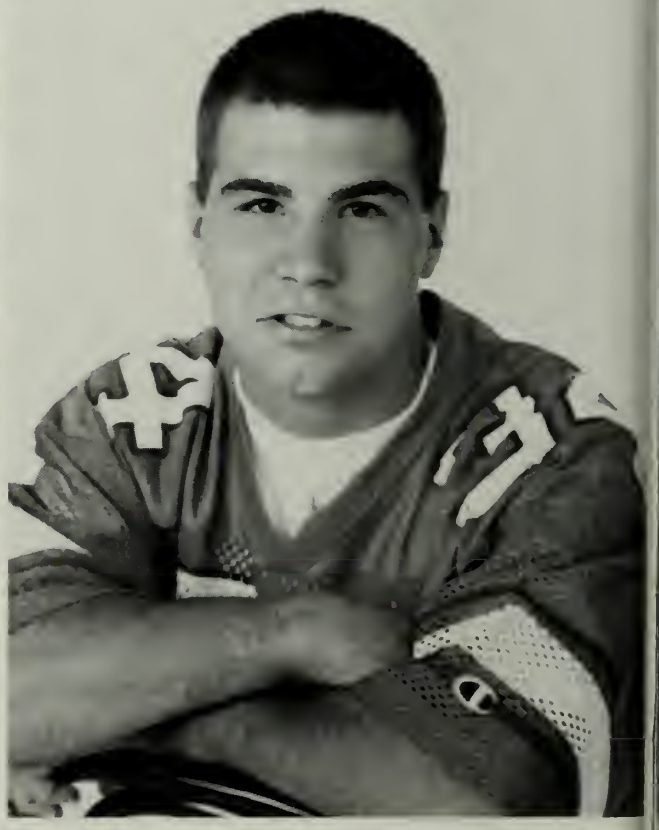
Matthew Stephen Feeley

Time past and time future
What might have been and what has been
Point to one end, which is always present.
T.S. Eliot

Thanks to everyone at WB for making my last year a perfect one. Hey Jeff.....this is mad phat da bomb, man! KA, have any gum? LB.....man, I'm starvin. JC...you're a friend for life. Thanks LH, LB, TD, MM, MH, JS, TF, SS, SS, KQ, and MN for makin WB fun.....(using the word lightly). PB, you've got some of the best poems I've read, good luck man! JA, get that alternator fixed yet? Beatles rock man! Floyd's better, though. KA, where's the camera? CN....dude, the Stones concert kicked! That is really cool! Mr.B, that weight room fixed yet? Anyone whose name is not mentioned, I just forgot to write it down. Best of luck to all of ya! P.S. WS, I love you lots!

Steven Michael Flanagan

Thanks MOM, DAD, JOHN, GRANDMA, GRANDPA, I finally made it. JA, TD, BH, SO, BJ, TC, BP, BA, PQ, CN, TP, RM, RC, BB, TW, BB, KQ, MH, BH, JL, MF, MC, AP, GC, MP, CS, TF, KB, MO, MG, PO, SS, FS, HB, B.O.K, OT, SC, PR, Special thanks to my coaches Richard Priesetly, Joe Garafoli, George Cook and Brian Callahan. Thanks everybody, good luck.



Melissa Leigh Hanscom

If you only have one smile in you, give it to people you love.

KQ JS AP-BFF DW BR JM AB CK TV SS JM MM SM EA DS SS TD P'R JA SF LB JE I HP-ILY!!! KQ-My Hearts On Fire RENT Joggers I I Hit A Cat! JMcGuire JS- Minty Poop Sniff Sniff Double Dates AP- What's That Dough Stuff Called!? Leak In My Car? Leom Object A+B? DS- 3/23/97 WPI I I Hit A Cat! JMGuire Bangs 78 Streak P the P Reminders SS LT PM O How Do I Live I'll Always Luv U! DW- B-Ball 97 Mom BR- B-Ball 97 JM- B-ball 97 UglyBra AB- Pub99 CK- Monk Man C fee Cltta Kurt+ Nolan TV- Munchkin GI Border Tuna Pta SS- C'mon Sam JM-Ninja Jill Tramp SM- Snob EA-Tractor Bgr's Oilies SS-Cute Ears TD-Football In Hall Cpt Ahab JA-My Watch! LB- Piece Of Gum? MP JS DS-Friendly's HaHaOk BM-No SeeTC- MASC LJ LM CW MB JB MI MOM DAD HILL BETS G+G G+KITTY MUFF THANX I LOVE YOU!!!!!!

Carisa Ann Hebb

"Beauty is only skin-deep but when you're ugly it's right to the bone" - Mom

JD + MC4eva JP moo cow LUV ya JM Timm yED SW JD - Keeney's class JS english RC 10-25-96 driving Job 1LUXTEC you're the best jerry! OQLjd1sttimeauntie Jess+Brad 5496 Kyra+Mike 12319 6Prom97 gross food a dingy ANGEL one year anniversary flowers at work Baby SHAYL AHcNiniFuJANEAN Egarfield TAZ yankees lil'red corvette 4 wheelin' NH-CC 2 whole weeks apart! No More Braces ok break rule see hand book pg 6 paragraph 2 lines 7+8 BIG HEAD baby picture no clue in life I love you MOM + DADthanks! STRESS the big 18 I LOVE YOU ROSS

Lacey Bree Hunt

If I went through the dusty air without a fear without a care we would not be here...! Or there...! Or anywhere... -Peter Bonneau

Good Luck SS MS JM KQ MH SM JC EA MM SS JE PB MF TF KT JS LB TD JP TM HB MN MH TP NK PR CH HPJS JA DH BK TF SS Walmart GS Mike Gorilla Attacks Dave MS Marianna Moe Walmart Punch Miss Ya JM GI Jill Dave Fresca MM Kerm Fresca Oh My God Wooly Mammoth JC The Bet J/LChimpy/ Gimpy College Visits Holiday Spirit Kate The Movies W/ My Mom PB P.Tree JE Hi I Love English! DONNA UR Awesome LB MH KQ JP TM EA TP Construction Equipment TM HB I Don't Want 2 Go Bridge MN SM English AP PreCal JP M&M Liar PR Hi Pat MF U Mass MH Thanks For Everything JS KK KS AW Titanic Picklebutt WordPerfect Spy Alert DTW/IntraImage TheLion Trixie Good Luck Softball Girls Hope Travie Bubba Joshie Good Luck Mom & Dad THANKS!

Wendy Jeanne LeBlanc

To Angie Pangie Puddin-Pie HP Chikmunk, LA let's have lunch!! Tara C., como esta? To all my classmates at WB, 98 rules! Thanks dad, mom, Peter, Alicia, Matthew and Joseph for your support through thte years. Jillian w/ firies I'm going to miss you. Hey Tiff, Stay cool! Trish keep Rob in line, remember Donny is mine.

Magan Ann McCabe

"Be bold in what you stand for and careful what you fall for." - Ruth Boorstin

Jill- heating vents Fresca bonfires he's a bird! secret cabin Sam-6th grade broken ears ice skating... Lace- watch out for furry animals... take a turn on the knob!... Fresca 9th grade! stay out a trouble... Tana- always from the diaphram, how?... TD and PR- thanx for all the rides! You guys are great! MH, KQ, KF, TD, JM, CH, TV, NW, JP- Trig!!! TP- you're one funny kid thanx for bein there PB- Thanx for listening! E- I'm not evil! TM- thanks for the beatdowns! Thanx to my Fam and friends for bein' there! I luv you guys!

Tiffany Lynn McLaughlin

"Free At Last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last" - M.L.King Jr.

2 all my WB pals BFF HB1st holy comm barbie camp capecod crash lots ya comin JP McDs washington beast runaway car capecod I'm gunna die florida pud 99 my pals DT perform arts fun car pool BMW get away EB partie grilled cheese Im sleeping JM lost car kill meg HP cinemas locker plume LH intern McDs mary beth SBlocker wars stickers trash Morgan return your icecream ED fear yo mama shopping in bug bear dog SW braclet gimp kick my elbow MA & PA thanx 4 puttin up with the attitude JJ emilys present thanx 4 the attitude & 2my honey Kev I luvU thanx 4 always being there "Heaven" Laters everyone "Im Buggin"

Jillian Marie Morrissey

"It's not what happens to you,
It's what you make of what happens to you."
- Aldous Huxley

MM SS TV KQ JS AP EA MH LH KT TF CH TM JP TW-I love you guys & i'll miss you!KQ Crocodile Kelly banana baha cookies tractor you can start now KR-beef stew up chuck MM the heater my bra's undone! TV no you! Ah don't know! DW's MH tube downstairs JS NEBYC Antoine AP drawn eyebrows? Andy Big Pants clock toosies toosies SS Dunkin' Donuts Worcester Airport Ian Danny Long Legs FB summer of 97 millisecond boycotting burley boy "I think they're gonna make out!" Mom Dad Colleen and Kelly Thanks for everything! I love you Goodbye and goodluck to everyone. It's time to move on.

Sarah Janet Morse

"The ones we love the most are always in our heart, and we can never be truly alone."
-JHB

Mom and Dad- I can't thank you enough for all you have done for me. I love you both very much. Emily, Peter, Elizabeth, and Rebecca- There is certainly never a dull moment when we are all together. You make me laugh more than anyone else I know. I'll miss you all SO MUCH next year. I love you. To my Friends- Thanks for all the laughs and the memories. I'll never forget my years at WBHS. Good luck!!! Ginny- Hey! Gossip police. You're the best friend I ever had. A special thanks to Ms. McCaffrey Clark- You helped me in so many ways.

Christopher Joseph Noonan

"Urge to come to terms with the outside by absorbing, interiorizng it. I won't come out, you must come in to me. Into my womb-garden where I peer out, where I can construct a universe within the skull, to rival the real."
- James Douglas Morrison
The Lords and New Creatures

Memories are just false hopes

Melissa Clary Nowak

"Promise not to forget me, not even when I am a hundred?" - Christopher Robin

JS KA DV NK TF JL SM KB LH I Love You I'll Miss YaA! JS -LLCoolJ, DI, $.50, Frosted Windows, What are we on! NK & KA -Browse N Beans 4eva DV-Keep Cool Baaa! SM -Calculus Wasnt All That Bad? NOT! TF -Hose, Not anymore HAHA!! You insensitive.! KB -Puff and Mase!!! KC SW SB -What Spare?! Moon anyone? LH -Cousins till the end & Frogs - I'll never forget y'all -TD JP RC CH -Good luck SS PB SM JS -Calculus pals its over KR & AW - Writers conference 5 pages HP AL KR CC Next Year! Jimmy Paul Tara -Stay out of trouble I Love You I Will Always Be There For You MOM DAD PAMA SANDY & EVERYBODY THANKS A BUNCH MED SCHOOL WATCH OUT CUZ HERE I COME!

Jill Marie Pavone

"Life's a journey, not a destination."
Aerosmith

McDisSS#1B-Arch,#1Won,1+1=?HL,BS,Punch KG, Coffeepots,MN Fashion Model, L Houch Nelson KR Bottom. Best Buds TM Pub 99, Cape, Tiff That does hurt.KC finally. CH, snowballs, angel RM + JM limnot in the car. DF MF thanx 4 Everything. LFSSS, Wells JFisletstalk.CH+RC4-eva.Forrest, PR, JS, KT-100yrds. KA twitch Soccer KA AC KQ MH ED KR KR ER JB Luv Ya Mo JP pervert JM pooh TR MG friends 4eva Darbys M&M Rule Tha Swift MF Great Change Stubby Will Live RH He Man DH RH PH DH 2nd Family Jungle Justin Flame Awesome Anne Miss You 4-Eva DC Good Luck Thanx Mom + Dad, DF AF MF JP Jeff Jason I Luv Ya 2 death Goodbye To All My Sped-buckets

Travis John Perron

"And in chasin' what I though were moonbeams, I have run into a couple of walls...But in looking back at the faces I've been, I would sure be the first one to say, When I look at myself today, Wouldn'ta done it any other way." - Jim Croce

I saw a handsome parish lady make her entrance like a queen SS LR SD SP orange sunshine forest turtles SD DL CN LB RM friends for life Phish great went circus earth DL is it dry? Psychedelic worm sancutuary we lost PB 6 hrs moonlight drive darkside wire fiasco cosmic muffin santana Julio heist Gr1 odg Centrum bust, SD a woman of grace and laughter, DL my comic relief, CN a vigorist extremist, LB my kind of reality check, MM AP JM smiles of sunshine MD JG LB LL EB DL I don't mean to alarm anyone but... Sterling's road less traveled old days of woodland 5.0 school escort, I can't believe I fell in the grill Canada Thanks to my friend and family for the love and support you've given me so I nevergave up and lost sight of my dreams

Brandon Peterson

"It remains ironic: we complain for thirteen years of mandatory schooling only to pay for additional classes after graduation" - Brandon

Graduation: Many closures with many new beginnings. Our class -- rejected delinquents to respected scholars. What a difference. Enjoy. HP Take it easy on Mrs. Haddad KA Bowling up a storm. Dr. K. - good luck in years to come. Marty McG - Never forget ya. MMC - Thanks for the 3 wonderful years: CRASH! Mr. G - Four score and what? Mrs. B- Thanks for everything. Mrs. J. - You actually got me. MacG - Can't forget ya. Friends 4eva: BG JA BF AD MP; CY RG JC MS; AF MP AC SR PB; SM TF AW KA JP WL LH DV.

Nadeige Pochette

"School is very important!"
--my mommey

Yes, mom I know. You've drilled it into me. Thank you for being there and just being my mom. I've come a long way, but this is just a stepping stone in my life. More is sure to come, and I will make you very proud of me.I leave all my courses to the junior class, good luck next year! I leave my locker to Bobby Joe and the spirit of dreams and hopes I have, to my brother Woodley; I wanna see you aspire to something great one day. And look out for your younger brother since I won't be around next year.

Horace Horatio Pollard

"Success is a road that many will try to take you off of. No matter what keep trying, and prove them wrong because in the end you will have the last laugh." -Sean "Puffy" Combs

1Luv to 98!! I'll never 4get you guys. Thank you Lord for guiding me to this point. Bellz - Best P.E. teacher ever!!KQ - It's amazing what gym can do to you, keep in touch.KC-Much luv to ya bring the Gold on Mondays!!TV - Friends 4 eva!! Pete & Trav - You guys were the coolest. Riggs - Biology was the best!! Big ups to all my peeps at WRHS! Mario - THNX BRO! Bye - KQ, MH, AP, JS, TM! BS & AS - Thanks for all the laughs that I'll never forget. RS- You're a special friend that will always be in my heart.What up to my boyz MP, BB, SS,PR, BP, SF, JA, and all the rest.SS- We'll get the nightriders!! MP-Gimmie Da Loot. BB -Many cool times- keep in touch.MC -Men rule this world.Thanks Mom, Dad, Kemp. Lataz WB.

Anna Poulakis

"Live everyday like it's your last, someday it will be"

JS KQ MH TV JM SS TF KT I'll miss ya guys! The girls JSKQMH thanx 4good times ily! JS ily Scruff Nebyc Bret Bzz Bone Funt Size of pinky Barry In out over Wwldow/ out ya? KQ leominster Syrup Atob Hiannaits kelly Alarms MH scrunchy Hampton Rugburn Object AorB? TVg Like ok 16x JM watch Camp Toosies Eyebrows? TF prom Dare Camping CH dj Rez Dolce 81797 MC pd Wpi Dolce Rock DR talks Wave Flume luvya JB taco Funt Chapel Fire imu RS regrets Dolce M&a Boston Paddidle The boys Come here Pd Porn Res What did we do wrong? ily PP crayon NHVs Lester Sj Whos blow drying your hair? Still in shower? Toga party Seths Rez Cops Lowell Pd Driveway? Our list 2many good times Ilu so much BFF TM BM SO MP 1+yr! mom & dad thanx 4everything ilu! ByeWB!

Kelly Anne Quinn

As I walk away from you I notice your memories are the soles of my feet. - Unknown

We did it 98 Give your self a high 5 The crew JS AP MH JM SS TV EA KT ILY your the best JS AP MH BFF MH T word V BURNS I hit a cat Rent My Hearts on Fire Betty Boop AP-a-b Leominster Dare? Syrup Fire alarm JS-U go BEEP BEEP drive by steving Stop that U ran over my foot JM-GI Jill were the same u can start now SS Im a duck Quack Quack SD-URI B day Buddies The Boys LB JA SF TD HP JE SS PR HP Gym Class SS lunch talks KR CK MI BM TC AR SO MP BP BM-My backup boyfriend TC - When are we getting married? P-Dawg: Blah Blah waa waa The Soccer Team Girls Just Wanna Have Fun! Oh Yeah Kick It! MO + JB ammonia Mrs. Bowen- It's been fun. ES Cuz BF ILY New years, Ill be Mariah U be Boys 2 Men. Mom Steve Bill Kody Thanks 4 everything I Love You So much Bye W.B HUGS :-)

Patrick Riggs

If you have faith in yourself, and do what your heart tells you, you'll do all right. You'll find your destiny.

BB RC SF NK SM JC DV TP CN KA Beige want me to shovel? NK BB the barn busters. Oates? RC you're under arrest, Flanagan say, SM I think that guy has to clean his windshield, cope you got sauce, The A-mobile rides again. This cookie smells funny, LCS AYW? BP whats the matter with your needle, 69 GTO Judge JS did you get that X off yet? HP Physics was fun. Nerf Head what's up? Did you know I was in 'Nam? KA = Carney, smell like cabbage small hand, yeah he did, Cope who in your tree house? The woods, I didn't hide the writers, Mr. M how much you benchin'? Floyd, Zep, Tool, Rage, Ya Mom, Sparky trips to Spencer, BB applewood Pum, Betsey rocks, MM Did you find out what I say behind your back yet? BH sing us a song, The clama hama paw! SF you da man, BP WTF, LM Tm Redlight Special. Thanks Mom!

Samantha Bradley Sawdon

"Sometimes I would rather people take away years of my life than take away a moment."
-Pearl Baily

JM LH MS TM TF AP KQ MH TV JS KT MM AD TW EA I Love You Guys, You're Great, Thanks For Everything. JS-NML. MH -Come On Mil, Tennis Tournament. AD -Roll On America, Step Into My Office, Sneaking Out. MM-I Broke My Ear. TV-Foods Class, Prom Dress Shopping. LH- DIP, Lacey The Mad Striper, Walmart, DMB Concert. MS- Denny's, DMB Concert, I miss ya. KQ-Daisy And Donald Duck. AP-Every Class Together, Driving Like A "G". KR CC- Foods Class Buddies. JM- Lets TB this MF, Sam's Club, Brian, Hairy Friend, The Situation, Pest Of The Month, Trunk, CVS, Let It Fly, Throw The Pita And Run. SS HP JE PB LB TD JA MF-Good Luck Guys! Mom Dad and Britt Thanks For All Your Love And Support. I'll Miss Everyone, See Ya WB!

Jessica Catherine Shumway

"This is not the end, it is not even the beginning of the end, it is perhaps the end of the beginning." - Winston S. Churchill

AP KQ MH KT my bfs AP fido its in its out its over camp splash jim antoine dave floom kiss kiss jodeci bzz my bf iluv ya KQ ready freddy oj picture frame drive by beep beep peggy sue iluv ya MH minty poop hampton tennis friendlys sniff sniff g/lw/DS I luv ya KT best cuz grams indian giver pennies bikes pond i luv ya JE LB PB SS TD i'll miss you guys JW walk sun is on miss u BB oj bfs LJ HS i miss you TF v day Assumption Ace SB JM SS JP i'll miss you all Mike how do I live i swear on the relationship thanx 4 everything i'll love you forever CS i don't know what to say QB I miss you Jay I miss you RIP Gram & Gramps I love you Gramp I love U Gram I wish U were here I miss you so much You are my hero I love you Mom Dad Bri Thanks for everything I love you guys Bye WB!

Shawn Michael Smith

"Childhood reveals tendencies. Youth develops personality. Maturity establishes character."
- Hubert van Zeller

It's been great! JA(goofy) JC SF TD gabby dans KQ MH lunchbuddies JS what's up Queen? KT you know I am the only Squash Boy TF stop calling me chicken legs Period 3 No more Gussy PB wakeup yo MP HP sorry to step on your shoes guys and will you just tell me what's up so I don't have to wreck my car Smitty stop hitting Jonas S&S crew I'll miss you Hey class of '99 GROW UP! MB KR BL this summer was fun Cape Cod movies everything Hockey Basketball Baseball I'll miss all of them Meghan, I will never forget you (7/27/97) Mom, Dad, Brenda, Wally, Donny, Lora thanks for the support I love all of you!

Jaclyn Leigh Stepien

"The most utterly lost of all days is one in which you have not laughed." - Sebastian Chamfort

MN-remember DI-Help! $.50? Snow on the window, throwing butts out the window? Cohorts in crime Told you so-JL SM-Ice skating is bad for your knees, CH-Miss ya lots,so much fun in gym CH&RC 4-eva, JP KB HP KF DV TD-good luck and see ya! LH-going to the library, the candy machine eats lots of money Ricky aka boy, doughnuts are fun,lots of dirt,cutting off mack trucks,ahh! MNPBSMSS-Calculus,what are we doing?, MN-daily bathroom breaks! Miss you all, I love you guys, Good luck in the future! Mom and Dad thanks for everything. Miss you WB, I'm gone!

Kristin Maria Triola

"It can't rain all the time" -The Crow

Remember all the memories Track Play Comps Prom Homecoming FB Games Lion Central JS Fight Pierce St Hole Lemon Lush Grams Guys ILY Thanx 4always being there JE Push Back Hair LB&PB Little Talks Thanx Erin My BF Hampton Beach ILY Chris Cape Cod Boat Oar & Lock Keys Lagoon Cove CC/BNB ILY Kevin Yoeshimo D&DSlp & Fall EvryThg Bg IPB TDL JS LB AP TF TV KQ JE MH SS PB JP JM SS LH HP TD CH JA I Luv & Will Miss U All Ry Wonderful 2nite 1st Ninja Luke Angel Old Orchard Etc Thanx 4evrythg All our memories U gave me so much I Will Always Luv U Ad My Baby #54 Group Work Camp Selah YG/MK Conference Chunky Monkey Booga I Will Luv U FOREVER Gram Thank u 4evrythg u taught me I LY & Miss U Gramp ILY Mom Dad Andy GL Snooky Mocha Hunky ILY always thanx 4evrythg

Gitana Valentine

"The growth of true friendship maybe a life long affair."
- Sarah Orne Jewett

I would like to say to my friends MM SS HP SS MH JM NW KQ AP JS KT SS TM PN AS, I love U Guys. U will always be in my heart. GI - 143 U R the Best, HP - Thanks for the friendship, U have always been there I Love U like my bro. RENA - U R the best sister MOM/DAD Thank U for the love and support & giving me the chance at life. Class of '98 Good Luck! :)

Daniel James Verdini

"Go Away!"

All I can say is that it's been fun. I just really want to thank Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Doherty for putting up with me for a long 4 years. Also I don't want to forget the teachers and other staff that made it fun. Thank you Mr. Keeney, Mr. Priestly, Mrs. Schofield, and I'll never forget Mrs. Bouvier. Also I have to mention Mrs. Supernor, Mr. Garofoli and Steve Carville. Now that all that is done, I want to say what's up to my good friend Keith, Steve, Trav, Pat, Laurent, Ross, Tim and most of all my bro, Bill who was always there to help me out! I don't think I coulda made it thru everything without my GF Kel Folley. Lov U all. Peace

Nicole Elizabeth Warren

"Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier." - Charles F. Kettering

To all my friends at WB TV, HC, SW, JP, JM, CH, JD Iíll always remember you guys, Good Luck! Tv, I gotta love you girl you got air off me!! Iíll never forget spanish class we had so much fun. Good Luck with Greg. Heeb Women good luck with Ross .To RG and MG you guys are the best. RG thanks for eveything! JR and LE at SH I miss you! I want to say thanks to my family who stuck by me through everything. Mom and Doug, I love you ,I couldnít have done this without you.. Mike, Iím so happy we are together you mean the world to me, I Love You-.Nikki-Mike 8-5-97. BL and EW I Luv U! Good Luck 1998!

Jason S. White

"Are you not ashamed of heaping up the greatest amount of money and honour and reputation, and caring so little about wisdom and truth and the greatest improvements of the soul?" -Socrates
"The suffering of the rich is among the sweetest pleasures of the poor." -R.M.Huber

I would like to give a shout out to all my hommie G-Funks out in the hood. Piece out of the pie? Who's goin' chicken huntin' we's goin chicken huntin' Me cheez whiz andyour cheez whiz sittin' by the fire Never had life life always been dead got a metal plate in the back of my head Lemondrops lick lollipops @#%$ rednecked $#@%&*$ at truckstops clown colors much clown love I found a body in the bathtub! mmm grub "Stop killing the dead. They're mine. If you don't want the dead coming back to life, why don't start killing the living? Shoot them in the head." - Angel of Death, from the movie, "The Cemetery Man"

Adam Christopher Witkowicz

Shawna Marie Wolfe

"However mean you life is, meet it and live it; do not shun it and call it hard names... Do not trouble yourself much to get new things. Whether clothes or friends.... Things do not change; we change. Sell your clothes and keep your thoughts." - Henry David Thoreau

Yo Yo Yo to - Habeeb, I will miss you so much; Tif - avoid cars at all costs; Nikki, I'm sorry! Morgy, never give up; Jill B. - I miss you; J.- you're a lazy freeloader but I love you anyway! Josh- buswax, dillsboy, I love you; Erin- Sorry master, man at res. Mr. P. you stink; Heather- you lardy, follow the stars! Gramma- I love you w/ a pat on the back; Mom and Dad- thanks for everything -Love you lots. Alyssa- you are the best sister in the universe - love you; Pete- I love you MORE than anything - I will love you forever and ever (the same!) You can all come live with me when all the stuff goes down, peace out y'all.

Tricia Marie Wolons

Congrats class of '98: we finally made it! Good luck TF KQ MH JS KT MM JM SW SS JD ED SD LB. TF: Good luck, you'll be my friend 4eva. Pranks, ski trips, Myrtle beach, Cape Cod, "we're going to die!" summer w/ ML westfield, DQ, Friendly's, sneaking! You KW, KB, JL + I. JD: wish you the best. Friend 4eva. police + robbers, game in dark, pranks, summer w/ John, Party's pool, getting trouble w/ police, sneaky, Winthrop St., witch, have fun w/ MC. KQ: I wish you luck and hope all goes well, stay in touch. I'll never forget grass hopper, boat parties. MH JS KT MM JM SW SS JD ED SD LB, I wish you all luck and hope you enjoy being out of H.S. BB thanks so much for being here for me: who knows where I'd be without you! I'll never forget police, nights, New Years, + all that you have given + done for me. I luv you. RC SF DV NH TD TP CN PB JN MC LB PR: Good luck, I'll miss everyone! Thanks Mom + Dad I luv you I couldn't make it w/o u. KW: I luv u sis, you're the best. WB: see you later!

Jeff Abramson: Science Fair 9, 10, Play Comps 11, National Art Honor Society 9, 10, 11, 12 Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 Renaissance 9, 10, 11

Laurent Benedetti: Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12, Play Comps 9, 10, 11 Prom Committee 11, Senior Play 9,10, 11, Chorus 9,10,11,12 Class Officer 10, Tri-M 10, 11, 12

Kelly Bjorkland: Science Fair 9, Yearbook 12, Play Comps 12, Senior Play 12, Band 9, Chorus 12, Renaissance 9

John Casamassima: Science Fair 9, 10, Student Council 10,11,12, Literary Magazine 10,11,12, AIDS Action Committee 10,11,12, Prom Committee 11, SADD 9, Health Advisory Council 10,11,12

Heather Chasse:

Look at the tracks we've made!

Ross Chilla: Golf 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 9, 10,

Mike Cooper

Juel DePatsy: Peer Mediator 9, 10, Basketball 9, Renaissance 9, 10

Tim Dunn: Play Comps 11, 12, National Art Honor Society 11, 12

Jon Earls: Student Council 11,12 AIDS Action Com. 10,11 Central District 10,11,12 Play Comps 10,12, Senior Play 10, Baseball 9,10 Basketball 9, Chorus 10,11,12 Drama Club 9,10,11,12 Boys State 11, Tri-M Music Honor Society 10,11,12

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Matt Feeley: St John's 9, 10, 11

Steve Flanagan: Football 9, 10, 11, 12

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ndy LeBlanc: Track 9, 10, 12, ketball 9,

Magan McCabe: Science Fair 9, Yearbook 12, Play Comps 9, 12, Renaissance 9

Tiffany McLaughlin: Science Fair 9, Central District 9, 10

Jill Morrisey: Science Fair 9, Play Comps 10 NAHS 9,10,11,12 Prom Committee 11, Renaissance 9 Class Officer 9, 11

Sarah Morse: National Honor Society, 11, 12 Science Fair 10, Yearbook 12, Flute Choir 11, Pep Band 10,11,12, Play Comps 11, Band 10, Renaissance 10 Tri-M Music Honor Society 10, 11, 12

Chris Noonan: St. John's 9, 10, 11 In-house 12

Melissa Nowak: Class Officer 10, Play Comps 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10

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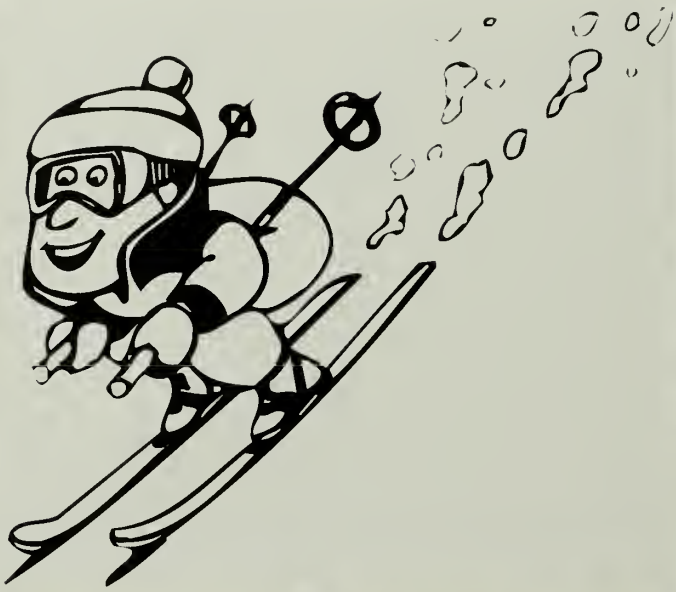

Nadeige Pochette: Worcester Academy 9, 10, 11, Soccer 12, Senior Class Play 12

Horace Pollard: South Lancaster Academy 9

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Jessica Shumway: Play Comps 10, 11, Fall Cheerleading 11, 12, Tennis 9, 10, 11,12, Drama Club, 9, 10, 11, Prom Committee 11, Class Officer 12

Shawn Smith: National Honor Society, 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12, Play Comps 10, 11, 12 NAHS 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Renaissance 9, 10

Jackie Stepien: Science Fair 9, Play Comps 9, Literary Magazine 9, Band 9, 10 Renaissance 9, 10

Kristin Triola: Prom Committee 11, Play Comps 9, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Class Officer 12,

Tana Valentine: Fall Cheerleading 10

Dan Verdini: Science Fair 9, 10

Nicole Warren: Chorus 10

Jay White: Science Fair 10, Student Council 12, Literary Magazine 9, 10, Play Comps 9, 10, Senior Play 9, NAHS 9, 10, 11, 12, Bead Club 9

Shawna Wolfe: Science Fair 9, Ski Club 9, 10, Play Comps 9, NAHS 9, 10, 11, 12 Soccer 9, 10, Guitar Ensemble 11

Tricia Wolons: Ski Club 9, 10

Erin Acomb: Yearbook 12, Play Comps, 12, Bay View High School 9, 10, 11

Keith Anderson: Audio Visual Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Science Fair, 9, 10, 11

Pete Bonneau: Chorus, 9, 10, 11, Play Comps, 9, 10, 11, 12 Drama Club 9, 10, 11 Literary Magazine 10

Liz Bridleman: NAHS 9, 10, 11, 12, PLay Comps 9, 10, Senior Play, 10, Guitar Ensemble 10

Sydney Davis: Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Play Comps 9, 10, Track 9, 10, 11, 12

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Boosters

Messages of Goodwill to the Class of 1998

Anna, Milly, Jess - Thank you so much for making my years here so great. I love you guys and no matter where we go next year you will always be in my heart. - Love, Kelly

Anna - We've had so much fun! You're my best friend; I'll miss you next year. I love you! - Jessica

Brandon - Congratulations - We're very proud of you - Love Mom and Dad.

Carisa - Hey man, Cheers to all the laughs at Luxtec.

Carisa - I'm so proud of you. I love you. -Love, Mom

Carisa - To a great person with a big heart - Linda

Carisa - To the best little sister in the world. We love you. -Kyra and Mike

Class of 98 - All of our lives we sweat and save / Building for a shallow grave / Must be something else we say / Some how to defend this place. - Jim Morrison

Congratulations Adam. Good luck in the future. - Love Mom, Dad & Alex.

Congratulations Melissa! We're very proud of you! - Love Always, Papa and Gramma

Congratulations Steve! - Love Nel, Cheryl, Megan, Katie.

Congratulations Steve, Good Luck! - Love, John, Vivian, Brianna, & Audrena.

Congratulations Steven and Best Wishes in the future. - Love Grandpa and Grandma.

Congratulations Steven, We love you. - Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Steven, we made it. - Love Mom.

Congratulations Steven, you handsome [blank]. - Love Donna and Dennis.

Heather: Congratulations! Hope we are together at FSC in the fall! -Love, Your Big Sister Rae

Heather: Now is your chance to soar - Enjoy every day - we are very proud of you and love you dearly. - Love, Mom and Dad

Heather - Mazagoo: Can I clean your room now? - Love Maaa

Heather - Spud: I've enjoyed being your personal ATM machine for the past 18 years! - Love, Dad

Jaclyn - We are very proud of you! - Love, Mom and Dad

Jess: Thanx for always being there. I don't know what I would have done without you. Good luck in all you do. I love ya. - Anna

Jess - We've had so much fun and so many memories. Thanks for being

re. You are my best bud and sin. I Luv U - Kristin

sica - You're the best thing that r happened to me! I Love You. gether we'll be happy forever! - e, Mike

sica: To my "Dood" - You have ays been such a joy! I'm proud of because of your honesty and ness. You are and asset to society l a treasure to me. Love always, m

sica: I can't believe you're going to ege! It seems like just yesterday I s asking you to play Teenage tant Ninja Turtles with me, I e you have a good time. Love, r brother Brian

sica: My little girl is graduating n high school! You have always n a joy and an inspiration to me. I e you son very much! You erve the best life has to offer. e, Dad

Kelly - (Onboo) Congratulations! Good luck with everything you plan to do. - Love, Auntie Beth, Uncle Joey, Jessica and Maria

Kelly - Congratulations and Good Luck. We're very proud of you and we love you very much. -Auntie Angela, Grampa and Grandma

Kelly - Congratulations! Best wishes in whatever you choose to do. We're proud of you and Love you very much. -Grandma + Grandpa

Kelly - Congratulations! Good luck in college. - Love, Amanda and Bobby

Kelly - Congrats! We wish you lots of happiness! - Lorraine, Jim and Jillian

Kelly - It's been fun hanging with you especially McD's good luck. - Love, Lindsey + Jess

Kelly - We're very proud of you. Good luck to you in the future - We love you very much - Mom and Dad

Kelly - You've been a great friend. We hope you have fun in college. Best of luck always remember the good times. -Heather + Trish

Kelly Quinn - Best Wishes and All Our Love to our Kelly Quinn. -Love, Aunt Donna, Uncle Steve and Family

Kelly Quinn - Congratulations Spider Monkey - Love, Gram + Papa

Kelly Quinn - Congratulations, Kelly - Love, Bill

Kelly Quinn - Hobi, I will miss you so much next year. You have to write - Love, Melisa

Kelly Quinn - Kelly no matter how many hundred miles away we might be, you will always hold a special place in my heart. - Love Ya! Ross

More Boosters

Kelly, For 17 years, you have brought such joy into my life. I'm so proud to have you as my daughter. - Love, Mom

Kelly, Remember our first Daddy-Daughter Dance? I never thought I'd be more proud than that day. I was wrong, Congratulations. -Love, Dad

Kristin - I know she will do good in college because she's a fighter. She always has been my Skeedor. - Love, Dad

Kristin - You're the best cousin. Thanks for always being there. Gram will be with us forever. I Love You! - Jessica

Kristin - I will love you FOREVER!! I will miss u!! - Love, your baby, Adam

Kristin - We are so proud of you and so happy that you are doing so well. I will miss you when you go to college - Love, Mom

Laurent - Look ahead and enjoy it all, observe the turns and avoid the fall. Love always, Papa

Liz - Always there helping me guide my crystal ship, you love, support, and kindness will never be forgotten. - Love, Chris

Magan - Congratulations - Bebo

Magan - Congratulations Meggles! - Love ya! - Josh

Magan - Megawats we love you! - Aunt Cherry + Uncle David

Magan - We're proud of you and we love you! - Grandma and Grandpa

Melissa - Congratulations! May life be happy! Love and Licks! Forever, Tappy.

Melissa - Good luck next year I'll miss you and love you. - Love, Betsy

Melissa - Good luck. We love you too! Keep the positive attitude and never give up when things get tough. P.S. Please pick up your room. - Dad

Melissa - Grammy + Grandpa Ferguson send their love and want you to send a letter or note when you go off to school. They will send cookies.

Melissa - Grampa Lew + Kitty wish you good luck next year. They hope to visit you at whatever college you attend they will meet you at Dean Park, too!

Melissa - How much you have grown in 4 years. I've missed you. I think you for often, enjoy your college years - They go by fast. - HMH

Melissa - I like your bed when you don't make it. Sorry I wake you up in the A.M. Let me in...Let me out...Feed me -Muffy

Melissa - Sweetipie, I am going to going to miss you next year but I'll have fond memories of our morning routine. Wake me when you come in.

Melissa - Thanx for everything + being there for me. I'll never forget you! Good Luck! Don't ever forgot me. I Love You! -Love Always, Dave

Melissa - Way to go! You're finally through! All the best! Good luck to you! - Love, Ed, L'Ed, and Ben

Melissa - Wishing all the best for you...May all your special dreams

ce e true! - Love always, Sandy and E n.

M issa: Tweet! Tweet! You're so s et! Congratulations ! Love, Bob a Pete

M li - Saturday nights won't be the sa e. Jessica and I will miss you and D e. Good Luck Ya'll. We'll miss y . - P-Dawg

M li and Kelly - Good luck next y r. We'll miss you a lot in basket-b . Love, The Bomb and Savad (L ren and Courtney) *IT'S G METIME*

M ly - I'm going to miss you next y r. Keep in touch. - Your secret b dy, Melissa

R s - I LOVE YOU! - Love, Carisa

R s - I'm very proud of you. Every p ent should be as lucky as I am to h e a son like you. I love you. - M n

Sa my - Congratulations! We are p d of your achievements and l forward to your successes. We l you. - Dad, Mom & Britt.

Sh wn - Congratulations on all your a evements. Good luck next year! W will miss you! - Love, Brenda + W ly

Sh wn - Good Luck! - Love Always, M

Shawn - Success will be yours always and forever. Good Luck! We love you, Don + Lora

Shawn - We wish you much success and we are very proud of you. - Love, Mom + Dad

Tara - Congratulations, be happy. - Love, Your favorite sister, Caitlin

Tara, good luck in your new life. - Love, Liz

Tara, be happy in whatever you do. - Love, Gramma Laura

Tara, we wish you happiness and know you will succeed in all that you do. You have made us very proud. We will miss you. - Love, Mom and Dad

Tara, we wish you happiness and success. - Love Gram and Papa

To Anna - for the good times we've had (i.e.. driver's ed). I will miss you so much good luck in college. I love you - Talia

To Kelly, Tara, Sarah, Magan, Millie and the rest of the yearbook staff: All your hard work shows. The train tracks made for a bumpy ride, but your smiles and effort smoothed the journey. Enjoy your memories. - Mrs. Bowen

To my daughter Anna, I wish you all the best for a wonderful future. May all your dreams come true. May you be very successful in your life. I would like to thank you for being you, for having trust in me and I will always be here for you. - love, Mom

Travis - We made it? What now? Thanks for always making me laugh, too many good times that I forgot about. P.S. I can't believe you fell on the grill.

Trish - You've been my friend since before I can remember. You'll always have a special place in my heart. - Love Ya, Tara

We are all strangers on the Path through this Circus Earth. Thanks for lighting Part of the way - Trav, Syd, Liz and Chris - Thanks

Our Administrators

Mr. Leo Sullivan
Superintendent

The Class of 1998 finds itself at the millennium, its past firmly rooted in the 20th century, its future somwhere out there in the unknown, in the 21st. Your family, school and community have given you your roots. It is now up to you to find your wings as you prepare for the future.

You are ready. You may be challenged but you will succeed. You will stumble but you will push on. You will, on occasion, fail, but you will never quit. As a group, you have great potential. Use it to become all you can be.

Sincerely,
Mr. Sullivan

Mrs. Francine Bullock
Principal

You all have the potential to succeed. You are a talented class, not only academically, but many of you have special skills in the fine arts. Take those skills and talents and improve your community and your country. Use those talents to help solve society's promblems. As you leave here, you will need to be prepared to live in an increasingly multicultural society, to understand different cultures and lifestyles, and to deal with prejudices that fail to allow us to judge according to the qualities of an individual rather than his or her cultural or racial diversity. Every problem has a solution and by working together, we can solve them. Strive to be the best! Life is full of opportunities. Convert your challenges into opportunities. Good luck to you in facing those challenges.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bullock

Mrs. Gertrude Doherty
Assistant Principal

This yearbook is a collection of memories of your days here at West Boylston Middle High School. For some of you, high school may have been a trying time and this book will remind you of your perseverance. For others, it truly was the best years of your life and you will smile as you flip through these pages that bring back happy memories.

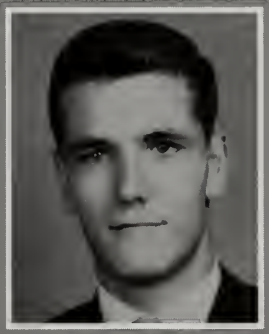
For most of you, however, high school was a combination of high and low moments. I hope your happy memories make you smile and the more difficult memories make you the strong adults we have prepared you to be. We are proud of your achievements.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Doherety

Faculty Members Who've Been Around the West Boylston Track Before

Did you know that by graduating from West Boylston Middle High School, you are following in the tracks of some of your teachers? That's right! At least 10 current staff members (not to mention Mr. Garafoli, class of '58) are also alumni. While this may surprise you, you will probably not be surprised to learn that most of them were very involved in school activities. Mr. White, Mr. Gustafson, Ms. Benoit and Mrs. Schofield all served on the yearbook committee. (Hmm... perhaps we'll draft them into service again...). Mrs. Schofield was also on the basketball and field hockey teams. Mr. Priestly was voted "Most Popular," while Mrs. Bouvier was "Most Excitable" and the class treasurer as well. Mrs. Roy was (and still may be) "Best Liked." Mrs. Sullivan (if you can't place her, she works in the middle school) was a cheerleader and voted "Most School Spirit.". Mr. Carville was on the first ever West Boylston football team. Mr. Gustafson played the clarinet and was quite good -- he made Central Districts in grades 10, 11, and 12! Last, but not least, they all had crazy hair styles. (You'll think yours was weird in a few short years too!) It just goes to show you, you never know where life's tracks will lead you. Perhaps in a few years, you too will be a teacher here at your alma mater.

Beverly (Gammell) Schofield
1st Class - 1958



Richard Pristley
Class of 1961

Sharron (Macklin) Bouvier
Class of 1963

Steven White
Class of 1963

Judith (Fray) Roy
Class of 1965

Kerry (Glynn) Sullivan
Class of 1967

Steven Carville
Class of 1971

Lynne (Whitman)Benoit
Class of 1977

David Gustafson
Class of 1981

Todd Bagdis
Class of 1984

Some Alumni faculty members gather in the library: Sharron Bouvier, Steve White, David Gustafson, Judy Roy, Kerry Sullivan, Dick Priestly, and Bev Schofield.

Faculty & Staff 1997 - 1998

Sally Babineau
Science

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Todd Bagdis
Maintenance

Joan Baumann
Learning Support

Eileen Belanger
Guidance

Brian Bellefeuille
Physical Education

Lynn Benoit
Art/Economics

Ruth Bositis
English

Sharron Bouvier
6th Grade English

Jessica Bowen
Social Studies

Brian Callaghan
Social Studies

Marie Caruso
World Language

Steve Carville
Custodial Staff

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Secretary

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Debbie Choquette
Health Coordinator

Mary Dintino
Business

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Joan Ethier
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Lorraine Foley
World Language

Jen Foster
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Family & Con. Science

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English

Beth Hackett
Physical Education

Joanne Haddad
Mathematics

Lianne Hanlon
Learning Support

Tina Hoss
Cafeteria Staff

Marsha Hudson
World Language

Susan Hunt
Nurse

Sometimes we can get "off track," but this talented group is always there to show us the way back!

Grace Johnson
Music

Joan Johnson
Cafeteria Staff

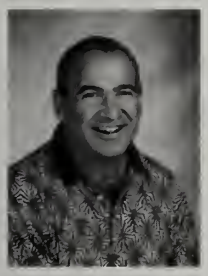
David Keeney
Mathematics

Jennifer Keeler
World Language

Shelly Kennedy
Learning Support

Kenneth Klayman
Tech. Education

Diane LaComfora
Cafeteria Staff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Guidance

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Justin McGrath
Mathematics

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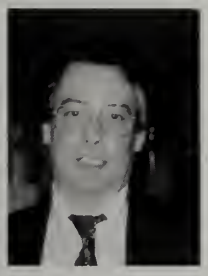
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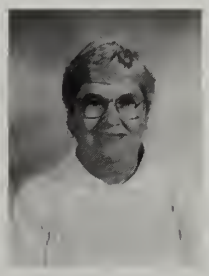
Richard Priestly
Tech. Education

Judith Roy
Social Studies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Sheila Tetler
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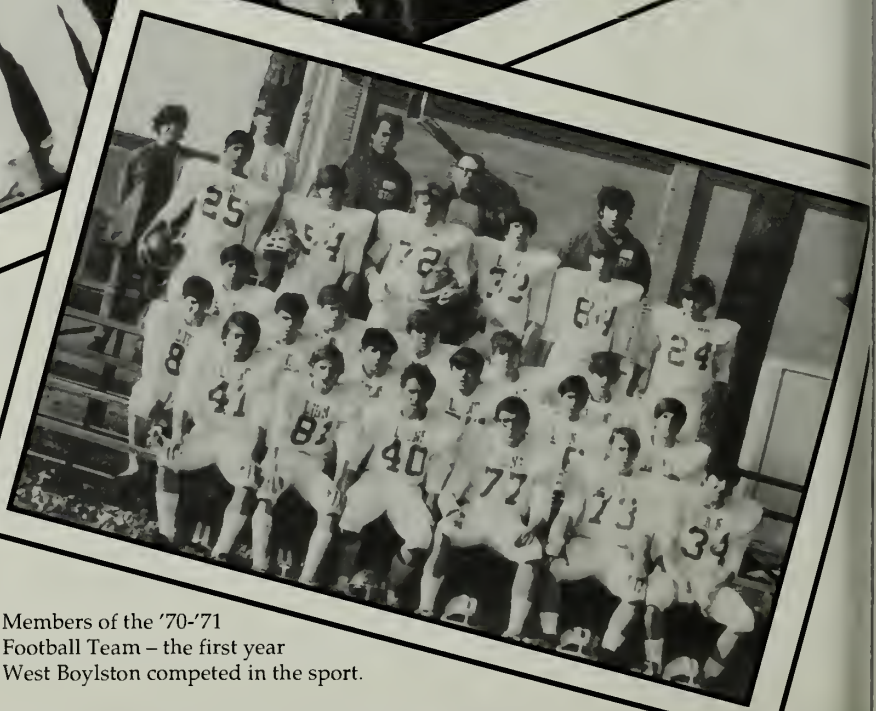
Cafeteria Staff

Members of the '97-'98 Girls' Soccer Team, a team that didn't exist in 1958.

Members of the '66-'67 Boys' Gymnastics Team.



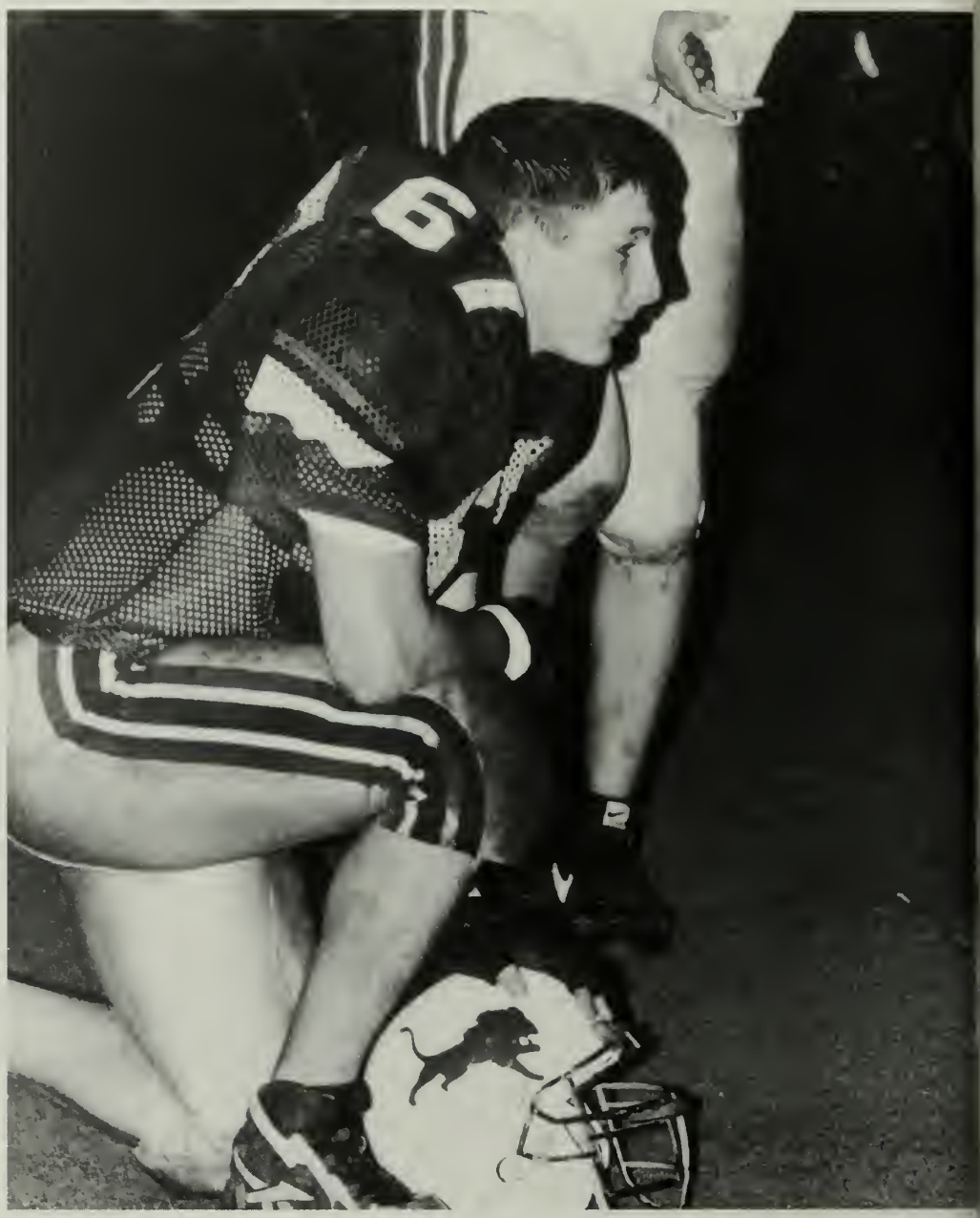
Members of the '70-'71 Football Team – the first year West Boylston competed in the sport.

Track Record

Sponsored by the West Boylston Athletic Association, National Art Honor Socity and the Tri-M Music Honor Society

Mike Demma kneels, either deep in thought or prayer, hoping that it will be answered in time to win this football game.

Mr. Priestly coaching his football team with his usual grisly facial expression. He is apparently not too pleased with what he sees.



"Although we didn't having a winning season, I'll always consider football one of my favorite times in high school."
- Steve Flanagan

VARSITY	WB	OPP
Narragansett	0	28
Lunenburg	0	14
David Prouty	0	7
Hudson	6	22
Maynard	16	22
Ayer	28	6
Murdock	34	0
Clinton	0	8
Grafton	6	20

Members of the 97-98 Football Team: Coach Priestly, Coach Cook, Coac Callaghan, Jack McCormick, Coach Garofoli. P. Rotti, M. Greaney, J. Johnson, S Larusso, N. Pucko, S. Frustaci, J. Bowman, B. Barton, B. Mahoney, J. Lindberg, M Caton, M. Demma, M. Nystrom, C. Noonan, S. Flanagan, T. Tamalavitch, F Attella, W. Nelson, J. Pearlin, S. Hookway, A. Prochnow, J. Cavan, M. Nelson, Murphy, G. Christo, B. Richardson, M. Demma, N. Ciociolo, E. Kujula, A. Ryan, C Gustafson, P. Quinn, B. Pellerin, J. Pearlin, B. Younginger, Z. Ament, J. Leith, T Curran

Football

Lion's Roar is Quiet on Gridiron

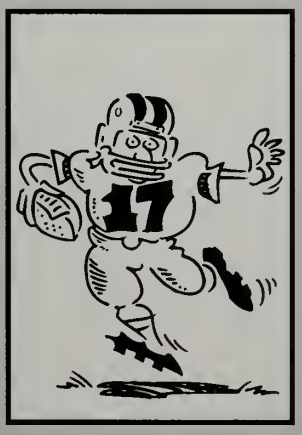
e Cavan seen with captians Steve anagan and Pat Quinn tackle eir opponent with force.

As the smallest school in the state of Massachusetts to compete in football, the Lions always have a difficult task ahead of them and this year was no exception. With only three seniors on the team, experience wasn't their strong point. Coach Priestly helped Captains Steve Flanagan and Tahanto student, Pat Quinn, set the example with leadership for the team. At running back and defensive back, Flanagan proved to be a dominant force throughout the year. Although they didn't have a winning season, improvements came with each game. Next year holds promise with the return of many underclassmen including sophomore starting quarterback James Lindberg.

(left) Captain Steve Flanagan gains yards running the ball up the sideline in position for a touchdown.

(top) Mike Demma takes a break on the sideline while having a drink of water.

t) Coach Callaghan, Coach McCormick, Coach Priestly, Coach rofoli, and Coach Cook surround senior captai ns Steve Flanagan and Quinn at the lion.



"It was a re-building year, but we pulled through with hard work and determination."

- Joe Cavan

Girls' Soccer

Rivalry adds to excitement

The girls' varsity soccer team was lead by senior captains Melissa Hanscom, Sydney Davis and Kelly Quinn. The other contributing seniors were Jill Pavone and Erin Dupuis. The girls finished with a super record of 11-3-6. They found themselves the number two seed in the in district playoffs but lost in the quarter finals, 2 - 1 to the Sutton Suzis. The highlight of the season, however, was the 5 - 2 victory over the arch-rival Tahanto Stags. Although the Stags threatened to "Eat the Lions," and brought their own silverware with which to do it, they ended up needing to eat thier words. The Lions celebrated the big win by doing a little re-decorating of the Tahanto locker room. The seniors will be missed next season, but plenty of returning talent ensures another successful season.

Junior Varsity co-captains: goalie Jessica Stelmok and forward Caitlin Wilson.

Kellie Ambrose battles opponent for control of the ball.

J.V.	Us	Them
Millbury	2	0
Douglas	6	0
Quabbin	3	0
Murdock	1	0
Hudson	0	0
Littleton	4	1
Maynard	2	0
Tahanto	2	0
Grot.Dunst.	3	3
Lunenburg	2	1
Hudson	1	1
Littleton	2	1
Maynard	3	0
Tahanto	2	1
Grot.Dunst.	2	1

JUNIOR VARSITY: (L-R Back Row:) Nadeige Pochette, Laura Bounvill Becky Harlow, Erica Lucas, Jen Smola, Kallie Koppenal, Lindsay Garve Lindsay Cook, Melissa Ambrose, Kristin Cleary, Lisa Halvorsen, Coac Richards,(Kneeling) Robin Berkey, Renee Chevalier, Emily Howe, Jacki Anderson, Jennifer Forsberg, Caitlin Fanning, Greta Hoss, (front) Caitli Wilson, Jessica Stelmok

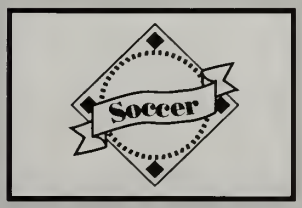
The senior members of the team enjoy their last season together: Jill Pavone, Kelly Quinn (captain), Erin DuPuis, Melissa Hanscom (captain), and Sydney Davis (captain).

Brieana LaVigne get ready to kick the ball into the goal.

Alley Cote packes one of her spectacular defensive plays and protects the West Boylston net.

RSITY GIRLS' SOCCER: (L-R Back row:) Jess Andersen, Amy Menard, Burtt, Brieana LaVigne, Erin Roach, Kellie Ambrose, Coach Aitken, ie Roach, Kim Rotti (middle row) Laura Buckley, Alley Cote, Won ivan, Monique Bonneau, Courtney Koppenal, Shannon Szymkiewicz, issa Ivers (seated) Jill Pavone, Kelly Quinn, Melissa Hanscom, Erin uis, Sydney Davis

VARSITY	WB	Them
Millbury	2	0
Douglas	5	1
Lunenburg	3	0
Hudson	1	1
Littleton	1	1
Maynard	5	0
Tahanto	5	2
Grot.Dunst.	1	1
Lunenburg	2	1
Hudson	0	2
Littleton	1	4
Nipmuc	2	2
Maynard	4	0
Tahanto	0	0
Grot.Dunst.	1	0
Clinton	4	0
Sutton	1	2



Right: Meghan Barry makes a powerful drive into the opponent's goal

Right, Center: Other Tahanto athletes include Tom Ollila, member of the Tahato Cross Country team and Christin Chenard, member of the Tahanto junior varsity field hockey team.

Below: Katie Barry shows some fancy stick work and ball control.

Field Hockey

F. Hockey	Us	Them
Hudson	1	1
Lunenburg	1	5
Hopedale	0	5
Hudson	1	1
Bromfield	2	1
Maynard	1	2
Murdock	W (forfeit)	
Littleton	1	0
Clinton	3	0
Maynard	2	1
BMR	0	3
Grot.-Duns.	1	2
Narragansett	0	4
Murdock	W (forfeit)	
Littleton	0	3
Bromfield	0	3
Lunenburg	1	2
North	4	0
Notre Dame	0	6
(Districts, round I)		

WEST BOLYSTON FIELD HOCKEY TEAM MEMBERS: Kerry Donah Vanessa Anderson, Katie Barry, and Meghan Barry. Absent fr picture: Talia Mercurio

TAHANTO SPORTS

Some Lions compete on the other side of the reservoir in Boys' Soccer and Field Hockey

att Monroe gets ready to pass
e ball across field to a teammate

Field Hockey: The Tahanto Stags field hockey team wouldn't be complete without the contribution from West Boylston girls. The team was led by junior captain, Meghan Barry, who has been on the varsity team for 4 years. Her sister, freshman Katie, is a leading foreward, contributing many goals and assists for the prospering team. Rookie Vanessa Anderson surprised many when she became the leading scorer of the varsity team. Junior Kerry Donahue dominated the defensive end of the field, protecting the net from goal-seeking opponents. Unfortuately, junior Lauri Marshall was out for the season due to illness. Their season ended in first round district play against Notre Dame.

Boys' Soccer: Although it was called the Tahanto Boys' Soccer team, it was dominated by the three West Boylston players. Junior midfielder, Steve Carlo lead the team with 12 goals and a bunch of assists, placing him on the *Telgram & Gazette's* list of leading scorers. Freshman Matt Monroe, (second leading scorer with 8 goals) and sophomore Kevin Hennesey also led the Stags on the offensive end of the field. The team managed to make it to districts for the first time in seven years. They won their first game against Assabet which led them to David Prouty. The guys suffered a loss, but they still had a great season and look forward to an even better season next year.

Steve Carlo, proud member of the Tahanto Stags, races opponent to the ball.

West Boylston members of the Tahanto J.V. team: Bill Larabee, John Mackie, Matt Longone, Adam Ruzycki, Nat Baran, Chris Manion

ST BOLYSTON BOYS' SOCCER TEAM MEMBERS: Steve Carlo, tthew Monroe, and Kevin Hennesey'

SOCCER	Us	Them
Grot.-Duns	2	10
Grot.-Duns	0	2
Hudson	2	2
Hudson	2	5
Littleton	2	5
Lunenburg	4	1
Lunenburg	5	3
North	6	1
South	1	1
Maynard	10	1
Maynard	4	2
Hopedale	1	1
Assabet	3	1
Distric Play:		
Assabet	2	1
David Prouty	0	6

Cheerleading Big Hit With Fans!

Fall- Although the football team wasn't always winning we could always count on the cheerleaders. Captians Jessica Shumway and Sarah Buckley gave the team that extra spark on the sideline.

Winter- The girls' cheerleading squad danced their way to a new season with high spirits and a new look. Excitement from coaches Mrs Nolan and Mrs. Cassidy sparked a new beat. Basketball fans got rowdy as the cheerleaders performed their famous "Rock Steady." Hip new routines and hot dance moves raelly improves the girls' style.

Top: Fall cheerleaders give each other a boost in order to introduce members of the football team at the pep rally. (For more on the Pep rally, see page 82.)

Far Right: Winter Cheerleader captains Won Sullivan and Katelyn Cassidy model the brand new uniforms of the squad. The glittery one-piece dresses were an outward sign of lots of the new changes in the squad this year.

Right: Jessica St. George and the rest of the football cheerleaders lead students in the half-time cheer.

"We all got along well and our hard work paid off in the end."
-Jessica Shumway

FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS: (shown) Captains Jessica Shumwa and Sarah Buckley. Other members of the squad: Jess St. Georg Katelyn Cassidy, Trish Poirer, Kristina Fancy, Becky Bowman, Ange Russo, Angela Lawrence, and Sarah Brennan

One of the basketball players must be shooting a free throw because the cheerleaders wiggle their fingers and wait for the "shwoosh."

Although many visiting teams might have thought they were seeing triple, we see here that Rachel Sibucao is just as great a jumper and dancer as her sisters.

Fall Cheerleaders lead fans in support of the football team. Neither the cold night air of October nor heartbreaking losses on the field seem to chill their enthusiasm!

KETBALL CHEERLEADERS: Abbey Sibucao, Rachel Sibucao, lyn Cassidy, Alicia Page, Karen Ricardi, Emily Howe, Baili Sibucao, Sullivan, Trish Poirer, Jess Smola, Marlee Nolan

"Although we had a lot of new people on the squad including two new coaches, we have made tremendous progress over the season."
- Karen Ricardi

Boys Turn it Around

Lions Qualify for The Clark Tournament

The 1997-1998 Boys' Varsity Basketball team consisted primarily of younger talent this season. Juniors Tim Curran and Mike Parker led the way averaging 19 and 15 points, respectively. The lions got off to a slow start with losses against their first five opponents. However, that didn't stop their hard work and determination to qualify for the Clark Tournament and the districts. Led by senior captains Shawn Smith and Jeff Abrahmson, the lions refused to be shut down. Their first victory against Maynard proved to be the turning point of the whole season. Telegram & Gazette Allstar and Mid-Wach C League Allstar Tim Curran led by example. Mid-Wach C Allstar Mike Parker, Brendan Mahoney, and Shawn O'Neil brought the team's success to another level. The boys finished with a 8-10 record to close out the respectable season.

Some members of the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team - Ben, Mike, Shawn, Beej, and Joe - get pumped up at a winter pep rally.

Mike Parker dribbles the ball past a rival Tahanto opponent.

"We began slow this year, but came on strong at the end and made the Clark Tournament."
-Shawn Smith

Varsity	Us	Them
Grot. Duns.	63	65
Lunenburg	77	85
Douglas	72	74
Hudson	65	69
Bromfield	69	76
Maynard	54	42
Littleton	64	41
Douglas	69	49
Tahanto	55	68
S. Lancaster	50	21
Ayer	52	50
Littleton	61	30
Ayer	57	54

The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team: (top left) Coach Constantin Brendan Mahoney, Brett Younginger, Jeff Abrahmson (captain), Gre Christo, Tim Curran, Paul Tringuk. (bottom left) Mike Parker, Shaw Smith (captain), Ben Pellerin, Shawn O'Neil, Joe Cavan.

Sophomore James Lindberg, leading member of the junior varsity team, drives the ball in for a shot.

Steve Lorusso gets some serious air going in for a lay up. Could a slam dunk be in the works?

Teamates Greg Christo and Shawn O'Neil go after the rebound.

2 Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Team: (top left) Coach Lagastrom, ris Caton, Matthew Greaney, Brian Richardson, James Lindberg, Jo th, Coach O'Neil. (bottom left) Chris Gustafson, Nolan Pucko, Luis on, Matt Monroe, Steve Lorusso, Jeremy Johnson.

J.V.	Us	Them
Lunenburg	53	43
Douglas	58	44
Hudson	41	55
Bromfield	54	38
Maynard	63	59
Littleton	51	23
Tahanto	50	55
Ayer	42	41
Maynard	55	59
S. Lancaster	56	35
Littleton	58	57
Clinton	56	35

"Our record didn't reflect our effort and ability to play the game."
- Jo Leith

Far Right: Senior captian Melissa Hanscom demonstrates her agressiveness by chasing down a loose ball on the court.

Right: Freshman Erin Latorre goes after a rebound in a j.v. game.

Kellie Ambrose off to the races on another one of her fast break layups.

The basketball players pose for a quick picture during the winter pep rally. How did Ben Pellerin manage to be surrounded by such a lovely group of ladies?

" We suprised a lot of people who thought it was just a rebuilding year for us. Being the only senior, it was great to end my career with a 17-5 record."

-Melissa Hanscom

Varsity		WB	OPP
Grot-Dunst		34	40
Lunenburg		51	29
Murdock		50	29
Douglas		42	15
Hudson		54	37
Maynard		62	33
Bromfield		46	44
Maynard		53	18
Littleton		54	20
Ayer		51	42
Douglas		56	18
Bromfield		44	32
Ayer		45	24
Tahanto		45	23
Littleton	49	21	
Tahanto	53	29	
Clinton	54	24	
District Play:			
Maynard	58	40	
Narragansett	51	52	

The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team: (top left) Mimi Truong, Meghan Barry, Courtney Koppenal, Lauren Johnson, Kellie Ambrose, Lindsay Richards, Coach Priestly. (bottom left) Kaitlin Folkemer, Amy Menard, Melissa Hanscom, Marleen Hill, Caitlin Wilson, Kim Rotti.

MID WACH LEAGUE CHAMPS

League Champs!

Lady Lions are young but powerful

indsay Richards, Courtney oppenal and Amy Menard take water break on the bench.

With only one re turning starter and only one senior captain, the West Boylston Girls Varsity Basketball Team expected to have a rebuilding year. The Girls may have started off on the wrong foot in their season opener against Groton-Dunstable, but from then on, they were unstoppable. Senior captain Melissa Hanscom was the team's leading scorer, averaging 11.5 points per game. Freshman duo Lindsay Richards and Kellie Ambrose weren't far behind. The battle for the league title came down to a blowout against Bromfield in the lion's den. Mr. Priestley's squad captured the Mid Wach D League title and were off to the districts. The Lady Lions suffered a gut wrenching loss in the quarterfinals against Narragansett. With four starters returning next year (junior Courtney Koppenal, sophomore Caitlyn Wilson and freshmen Richards and Ambrose) they will be tough to beat!

J.V. team member Kaitlyn Smith, class of 2001, drives past her opponent.

Caitlin Wilson and Kellie Ambrose display the flowers they recieved at the winter pep rally in honor of being on the victorious basketball squad.

ne Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Team: (top left) Coach Garafoli, ane Abramson, Jessica Anderson, Lindsay Cooke, Erin LaTorre, Kim Neil. (bottom left) Katie Barry, Renee Chevalier, Melissa Ivers, itlin Smith, Laura Buckley.

J. V.	WB	OPP
Grot-Dunst	34	40
Lunenburg	51	29
Murdock	50	29
Douglas	42	15
Hudson	54	37
Maynard	62	33
Bromfield	46	44
Maynard	53	18

rest of scoreboard unavailable

"It was a great season. Through all the wins, we became very close."
- Melissa Ivers

Boys' Baseball

Smith and Lindberg Lead the Lions

This season the young Lions were in for a real shock when most of the opponents they played were Division II teams. In the beginning, the season started off rather demanding, which was evident in their record being 1-4. However, as the season progressed, the Lions proved to be a real contender for the league championship. With the help of senior captain Shawn Smith, the Lions went on a 5-0 run. Shawn stepped up as the league's leading hitter and James Lindberg emerged as the league's leading pitcher. The team came a long way since the beginning of the season. Coach Callaghan taught his team how to work together and "be a ball player."

Congratulations to the baseball team for qualifying for districts!

Jason Rives looks a potential stealer back to the bag from the mound.

Jeff Pearlin takes a full swing at the incoming pitch.

Shawn Smith keeps his eyes on a ground ball.

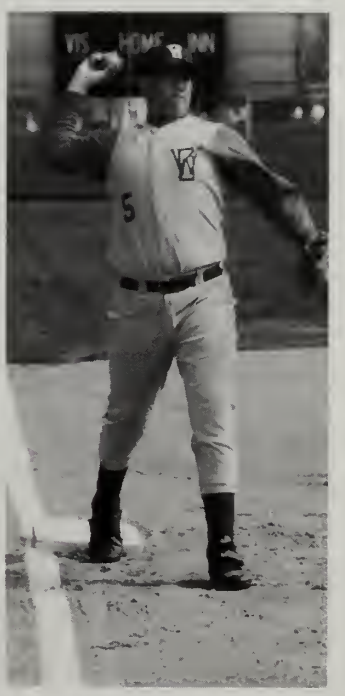
"Despite Maynard throwing a no-hitter, we pulled together to come up with a win."
-Shawn O'Neil

Varsity	Us	Them
Narragansett	2	5
Lunenburg	10	9
Grot-Duns	4	5
Clinton	1	11
Hudson	2	6
Bromfield	5	0
Murdock	4	3
Tahanto	9	2
Littleton	8	3
Maynard	2	1

The Boys' Varsity Baseball team: (L-R Back Row) Kimberly O'Nei (manager), Coach Shea, Eric Lamarche, James Lindberg, Gregory Christo Timothy Curran, Brian Richardson, Jo Leith, Joe Cavan, and Coach Callaghan. (Kneeling) Mark McCaffery, Shawn O'Neil, Matthew Demma, Steve Laruso, Shawn Smith (captain), Jon Pearlin, Bret Younginger, and Mike Demma.

(Left): Junior catcher Timothy Curran threatens to throw the ball.

(Below): Gregory Christo fields a ground ball and makes the long throw to first base.



Boys' Junior Varsity Baseball team: (L-R) Rick Stepien, Bill abee, Justin Montville, Dana Pearson, Jason Rives, Jeff Pearlin, in Hennessey, Nick Martunas, Dan Mecurio, and Coach Bellefeuille eeling) Eric Kujala, Paul Conforti, Chris Dame, Anthony Isgro, Chris ion, Jake Kusher, and Paul Orciani.

JV Baseball	Us	Them
Narragansett	1	0
Lunenburg	5	6
Grot-Duns	7	4
Clinton	2	8
Hudson	1	15
Murdock	8	2
Tahanto	3	1
Littleton	14	0

"This season our team works well together on the field and off the field."
-Jeff Pearlin

Girls' Softball

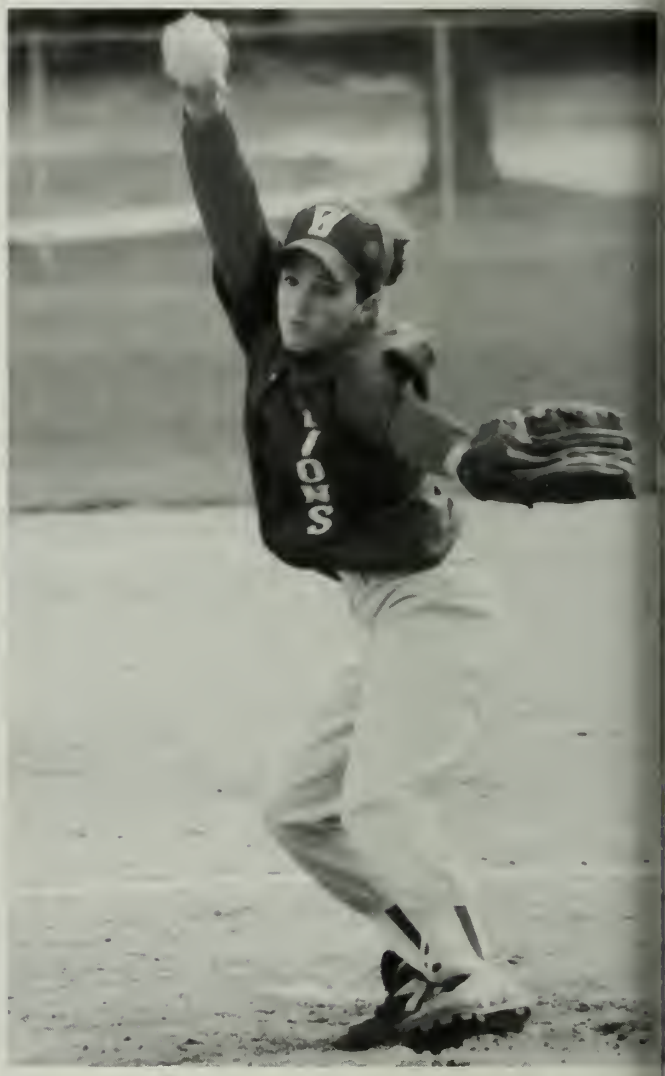
Young Team Comes so Close and Yet so Far

Led by tri-captains Lacey Hunt, Courtney Koppenal, and Lauren Johnson, the girls' varsity softball team made headlines this season. With only one returning senior, they managed to prevail with a victorious record. Ms. McCaffery-Clark put in hours drilling and coaching the girls. The hard work and determination paid off. The pitching of Jenn Recko and Renee Chavaliar along with excellent offensive support by Lauren Johnson played a crucial role in the team's success. The team went several rounds in the districts before ultimately falling to arch-rival Littleton. The young team will return next year, nearly intact.

Congratulations
to Lady Lions for
Qualifying for Districts!!!

Courtney Koppenal protects her face with her glove as a ground ball is hit in her direction.

Renee Chevalier winds up her pitch for the Lady Lions.



"I'm extremely confident in our team this season because everyone has the desire to win."

-Lacey Hunt

Varsity	Us	Them
Narragansett	16	4
Lunenburg	15	0
Grot-Duns	17	2
Clinton	9	2
Hudson	4	5
Bromfield	11	8
Nipmuc	12	3
Tahanto	4	0
Littleton	4	11
Maynard	13	1
Douglas	6	4
Douglas	18	8

The Girls' Varsity Softball Team: (L-R Back Row) Coach McCaffer Clark, Kerry Donahue, Kaitlin Folkemer, Melissa Ivers, Erin Latorr Jessica Anderson, Corinne Mancevice, and Jessica Recko. (Kneeling Jennifer Recko, Renee Chevaliar, Courtney Koppenal, Lacey Hun Lauren Johnson, and Caitlin Wilson.

Captain Lauren Johnson catches the ball behind the plate.

Jodi Walsh is hit a ground ball and makes the play.

Jennifer Recko gets low in her softball stance while fielding a ground ball.

ıe Junior Varsity Girls' Softball team: (L-R) Coach DePatsy, Jill ılsh, Amy Gray, Jodi Walsh, Lindsey Cook, and Coach McGrath. ıeeling Middle) Jen Defeutas, Colleen McConnell, Lauren yliss, Lane DePatsy, Megan Smith, Hope Hunt. (Kneeling) gela Conforti, Kara Foley, Callie Koppenal, Lindsey Dumas, nifer Fosbug, and Allie Simone.

JV	Us	Them
Narragansett	7	1
Lunenburg	15	7
Grot-Duns	16	1
Clinton	24	11
Hudson	0	12
Nipmuc	7	10
Littleton	15	6
Tahanto	14	2

"Playing junior varsity softball is all about having fun, there is no pressure to succeed."
-Lindsey Cook

Sophomore Matt Longone just misses clearing the hurdle , but manages a respectable time nonetheless.

Sophomore Evan Morrissey mentally prepares himself to hurl the javelin down the field.

"Despite our lack of experience, the Girls' Track team has a lot to be proud of this season."
-Meg Barry

Girls' Track	Us	Them
Grot-Duns	L	W
Littleton	W	L
North	L	W
Milbury	L	W
Valley Tech	L	W
Maynard	L	W
Hudson Cath	W	0

1998 Track Team: Coach Priestly, P. Tringuk, D. Young, A. Trinjuk, C. Ford, C. Arneri, B. Shusta, J. Foster, D. Donovan, M. Longone, C. Polakowski, B. Bjorkland, E. Morrissey, T. Ollila, A. Hutchins, A. Kinnear, Coach Keeney, J. Donahue, R. Choquette, H. Peterson, J. Stelmok, K. Smith, L. Garvey, E. Roach, K. Barry, M. Barry, K. Roach, N. Baran, A. Moser, K. Page, L. Osterberg, S. Davis, J. Pavone, K. Triola, B. Peterson, N. Pochette, J. Mulryan, L. Halvorsen, A. Menard

ior Kristin Triola goes for a
rsonal best in the long jump.

Track

Team fits right in with our theme

Girls' Track: The Lady Lions have excelled in a variety of events: the high jump, the long jump, 4x100 relay, and the 200m dash. With only three senior captains, Jill Pavone, Sydney Davis, and Kristin Triola, the experience was not their strong point. However, that did not stop the team from having a strong work ethic and a winning record.

Boys' Track: Senior captain Brandon Peterson led the boys' track team in scoring by excelling in the high jump, triple jump, high and low hurdles. There are many talented younger boys who add promise to the boys' track team for the future — namely, sophomore James Foster, who runs the one-mile and junior Tom Ollila, who runs the 800m. race.

Eighth grader John Mulryan continues the family tradition on the track team. Here, he competes in the shot put event.

Freshman Andrew Hutchins clears the bar in the high jump.

ior Members of the Track Team: Brandon Peterson, Nadeige Pochette,
ney Davis, Jill Pavone, and Kristin Triola

Boys' Track Results unavailable.

"Track is all that and a bag of chips."
- Andy Hutchins

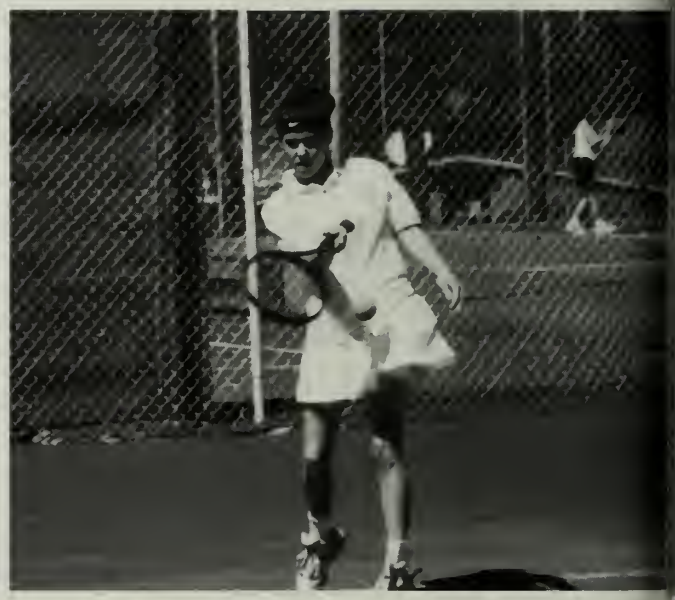
Tennis and Golf

Tennis- Following a rather unsuccessful season last year, the tennis team has improved tremendously. Senior captains Jessica Shumway and Melissa Hanscom played third singles and first doubles, respectively. The team as a whole was an unpleasant surprise to their opponents. With the excellent coaching of Irene Gray, the girls contine to strive for the best. The team will lose 4 seniors including Jess and Milly as well as Sam Sawdon and Anna Poulakis.

Golf- The muti-age golf team members come from grades seven through twelve. Senior captain Ross Chila serves at the number two spot, while eighth grader Nolan Pucko drives from the number one position. Junior Jill Burt also plays, the only female team member. The golf team is the most competitive in years, finishing an impressive 11-0. Next year look good too, thanks to a large number of underclassmen. Congratulations!

Becky Harlow demonstrates he follow through.

The Girls' Tennis team celebrates a victory during the bus ride back to school.



Sarah Buckley gets her tennis racket out in front of her to hit the ball.

"Even though tennis seems like an individual sport, I"ve learned that working together is the key to success."

-Sam Sawdon

Tennis	WB	Opp.
South	2	3
Burncoat	5	0
Leominster	5	0
Notre Dame	0	5
Littleton	1	4
Grot-Duns	0	0
Bromfield	0	5
Hudson	2	3
Leominster	5	0
Bromfield	0	5
Burncoat	5	0

Tennis team: (L-R) Sarah Nethercut, Mimi Truong, Samantha Sawdon, Anna Poulakis, Talia Mecurio, Marlee Nolan, Ashley O'Hearn, Erick Monroe, and Coach Gray. (Kneeling) Laura Buckley, Janet Curran, Jessica Shumway, Melissa Hanscom, Sarah Buckley, Rebecca Harlow and Kathy Bui.

Jillian Burt keeps her eyes on target before she takes a swing at the ball.

Dave Morrisey watches the ball he hit to see where it lands.

Nolan Pucko lines up his golf club for a practice swing.

The Golf team: (L-R) Coach Richards, Nolan Pucko, Jeremy Johnson, Dave Morrissey, and Ross Chila. (Front) Mike Marrone, Brian Clark, Jillian Burt, Jeff Valois, and Mike Lynch.

Golf	Us	Them
Littleton	18	0
Maynard	13	5
Grot-Dun	12	6
North	18	0
Lunenburg	18	0
Clinton	17	1
South	16	2
Bromfield	16	2
Maynard	16	2
Grot-Dun	12/1/2	5/1/2
Littleton	11/1/2	6/1/2

"Golf is my favorite sport; I have a passion for it."
-Ross Chila

The 1965 Senior Prom Queen and her Court.

The 1997–98 Pep Band.

A member of the 1961 Audio-Visual Club.

SoundTrack

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The Sky's the Limit

Spirit competion is fierce -- Everyone's a winner!

This year's Homecoming week was festive and exciting. The October annual dress up week began with Alien day; students enjoyed coming to school as their favorite alien. Tuesday was star impersonator day where students showed up at school as the Spice Girls or even Santa Claus. Wednesday was the annual class color day. The hallways were filled with people dressed in purple, orange, red and especially green. Students looked suspiciously tired from camping out near the mascot. After school was the all time favorite event, the tug of war. The juniors were victorious, beating everyone other class in the school. Thursday was opposite sex day. Although it got a little out of hand, it was very amusing seeing girls in hats and ties and boys in skirts and wigs. The week closed with Living in America day, which brought the classes together in the school colors for a celebration in red, white, and blue. At the end of the day everyone gathered in the new gym for what was to be the best pep rally ever. (*Pictures on next page!*)

Members of the football team and cheerleading squad show their spirit on red, white and blue day as they clown around at lunch.

Vanessa Anderson is a "grumpy old man" on opposite sex day.

Junior classmates join together and show how they win the annual Tug-of-War.

The Freshman class may have to wait for a Tug-of-War victory, but they've got the effort of experts!

Seniors are a regular "Who's Who" on dress up day: Donald and Daisy Duck, Pocahontas, Judge Ito, Charlie Chaplin and Punky Brewster all make an appearance at WB.

Freshman after the Ultimate Frisbee Game congratulate themselves on a game well played.

Mike Demma, Andy Prochnow, and Mark McCaffrey get feminine on Opposite Sex Day.

Black and white doesn't do justice to Courtney Koppenal's color day outfit in shades of red.

Megan McCabe, Lacey Hunt, E.T. (Melissa Hanscom), Kelly Bjorkland, and Jill Pavone are out of this world on Alien Day.

The senior class shows its excitement in the class yell competition.

The Lion displays the newly painted drum to the audience.

The Pep band takes a break to watch the different activities.

Jess Smola leads the pep band in the West Boylston fight song.

The football team comes together to show off their stuff.

Brendan Mahoney shows his sumo wrestiling ability after defeating sophomore James Lindberg.

James Lindberg proves that he is a better quarterback than a sumo wrestler.

Kelly Quinn stuffs her face and wins the pie eating contest.

Jill Pavone and Will Ritter in the battle of the bulge; it ends in a Pavone victory.

The Homecoming Pep Rally

The Pep Rally provides plenty of laughs, excitement and school spirit.

This year's Pep Rally was said to be one of the best in a long time. With events like the class president pie-eating contest and Sumo wrestling, there was plenty to keep everyone cheering.

Participating in the hit event Sumo wrestling were Will Ritter, representing the freshmen, sophomore James Lindberg, Brendan Mahoney for the junior class and Jill Pavone for the senior class. Each person put on a huge pillowy suit and they tried to push each other out of the "ring." Jill managed to win the contest by literally knocking off the other opponents.

The Pep band played, the fall sports teams were introduced and the cheerleaders were given flowers by the football seniors. A special appearance by newest cheerleaders Matt Demma and Brian Richardson was a good laugh. When all was said and done, the senior class captured the coveted Spirit Flag, much to the chagrin of the other classes.

Students flash their pearly whites as they wait for the dance to begin.

Jon Earls and Kelly Quinn dance together after being crowned 1997 Homecoming King and Queen.

Brian Richardson (Beej) is raising the roof!

The McDonald's crew puts some shake with their fries -- out of uniform!

Brett Younginger, David Morrissey and Joe Leith show that they're ready for GQ to offer them modeling contracts.

Emma Straton, Erin Roach, Kaitlin Smith Kelly Ambrose and Lindsay Garvey enjoy their first homecoming with a smile for the camera.

Members of the Girls' soccer team celebrate their then-undefeated season at the dance.

Jess Shumway and Michael Parker take a break.

Matt DuMont, Lauren Johnson, Matt Longone, Caitlin Wilson, and Kerry Donahue enjoy the homecoming festivities.

A Night Under the Stars

A refurbished cafeteria makes Homecoming '97 a Starry Affair

Homecoming was a night to remember. The new cafeteria was decorated to look like a romantic night under the stars. The D.J. was blasting tunes and the couples were dancing the night away. The King and Queen were Jon Earls and Kelly Quinn.

Each class elected its representatives to the court based upon participation in the week's activities. Members of the Freshman court included Kaitlyn Smith, Laura Buckley, Princess Caroline Hookway, Will Ritter, Jeff Valois, and Matt Monroe. Sophomore Court was made up of Erica Monroe, Vanessa Anderson, Princess Becky Sunter, Brian Richardson, Joe Leith, and James Lindberg. The Juniors were represented by Courtney Koppenal, Heidi Peterson, Princess Jessica Smola, Joe Cavan, Brett Younger, and Brendan Mahoney. Kelly and Jon were attended by the remainder of the senior court, Jill Pavone, Millie Hanscom, Shawn Smith and Tim Dunn.

Tina Fancy, as the title character, Charlotte, amazes everybody with her ability to write words celebrating Wilbur (the pig) in her spider web.

Nadeige Pochette, playing the typical farmer's wife Edith, sweeps up as Wendy LeBlanc helps out.

Aaron Roberts as the conniving Templeton the Rat brings Charlotte a scrap of newspaper stolen fron the garbage. Charlotte uses the words she sees in the paper in her web writing.

Steve Hookway as Wilbur the Pig, Charlotte's friend. Wilbur's barnyard destiny is the central action of the play.

Lauri Marshall and Emily Howe as the Goose and Gander give advice to Wilbur in the barn.

Best friends Charlotte and Wilbur discuss strategy for making Wilbur a champion at the upcoming State Fair.

Narrators Matt Hopewell and Jess Smola give the audience the backround information.

Cast List

Charlotte the Spider:
Kristina Fancy

Wilbur the Pig:
Steve Hookway

Fern Arble:
Caroline Drzik

Mr. Zuckerman:
Derrick Genova

Mrs. Zuckerman:
Nadeige Pochette

Templeton the Rat
Aaron Roberts

Stammering Goose and Gander:
Emily Howe
Lauri Marshall

Farm Hands:
Wendy LeBlanc
Steve Boyda

Reporter:
Kelly Bjorkland

Announcer:
Matt Hopewell

Narrators:
Jess Smola
Matt Hopewell

Notorious P-I-G

The Senior Class (along with the help of some underclassmen) presents the play *Charlotte's Web*

This year's senior class play was *Charlotte's Web*, based upon the children's book of the same name by E. B. White. It is the story of a young girl who adopts a pig named Wilbur. Wilbur lives down the road at the Zuckerman farm. The young girl, Fern Able, goes through the trials and tribulations of growing up, while trying to protect her pig from becoming Sunday's ham dinner. The story revolves around the various farm animals who, led by Charlotte the Spider, try to save Wilbur's life. Charlotte manages to do this by spinning words of praise for Wilbur in her web. The Zuckerman family keep Wilbur and enter him in the State Fair. Wilbur wins a blue ribbon and his life.

The play was led by student directors Jill Pavone and Kristina Fancy. Kristina also played the title role of Charlotte. Many underclassmen joined the production as well. Steve Hookway was convincing as Wilbur and Carolin Drzik was excellent as Fern. The play was put on for the enjoyment of students at Major Edwards as well as for parents. Both adults and children enjoyed the classic production.

Freshmen Caroline Hookway, Emma Stratton, Laura Buckley, Linsey Garvey, and Katie Barry are all smiles .

Jo Leith and Tim Curran show us their dress up dance threads. They must have shopped for weeks to find just the right hat to go with their T-shirt.

No expense was spared to make the cafeteria a winter wonderland for the Shiverin Shin-Dig. Here, Jill pavone is caught in a blizzard of snow from the snow machine.

Won Sullivan, Jill Pavone, Kelly Bjorkland, Kerry Donahue, and Jess Smola warm up with a group hug at the Shiverin' Shin-Dig.

Boogie Nights

Once in a while, Friday nights are made special with dancing and romance.

One of Student Council's most visible and popular functions is hosting dances for the students throughout the year. This year, the Council held two winter dances -- a Shiverin' Shin-Dig in December and a Valentine's dance in February.

For the Shiverin' Shin-Dig, Council members decorated the cafeteria with blue and silver. Huge snowflakes hung from the rafters and ballons made for a festive air. In addition, they rented a snow machine that blew real snow onto the dancers. (Those who breathed in the snow got a funny tickly feeling in their throats.) The dance was a little dressier than a regular school day - no jeans were allowed. The decorations hung in the cafeteria long after the danc was over, brightening the win ter months.

For a sequel, Student Cou cil sponsored a Valentine' dance. The dance was free, s going dutch wasn't an issu Of course, red and white dec rations covered the cafeteri and since the dance was th start of February break, ther was plenty to celebrate.

Tom Tamalavitch, Scott Sherwood, Josh Brennan and their guests Christina Sanchez and Adam Roslin, make a rare appearance at a school function.

West Boylston heartthrob Brendan Mahoney gives a Valentine's smile that makes the girls go weak in the knees.

Senior buddies Kelly Quinn, Jess Shumway, Millie Hanscom, and Anna Poulakis enjoy one of their final West Boylston dances.

Amanda Bjorkland and Brett Younginger share a romantic slow dance celebrating the Valentine's Day spirit.

Sarah Buckley, Kim Rotti and Renee Chevalier join in a conga line that snakes its way through the cafeteria.

It's not Hollywood, but it's close! Behind the scenes action is easy to control with the help of fancy headsets. Student director Kim O'Neil and stage crew get ready for the curtain call.

How were we able to find James Lindberg for this picture? Thanks to high-tech tracking devices, James Bond and Yearbook photographers are led right to this student director of the sophomores' best play.

It's all for a good cause, but Tim Curran doesn't seem too excited about putting make up on. He gets Assistant Director Meghan Barry to help him look the part of "Willie" in the Junior's entry.

Matt Longone and Jo Leith provided some comic relief as hot dog sellers. Bond girl Sonia, played by Amy Menard, purchases a coke from the two jokesters.

Some members of the Senior Class cast and stage crew of the hilarious play, "The Director." The class of '98's play got the most laughs - who knew repetition could be so funny?

Big Laughs Win Big

Sophomores win Play Comps '98 with big laughs and lots of participation.

It's a big deal. Class officers stress, student council hangs signs and parents give up their garage space. Play comps have begun.

The idea of play comps is that each class will produce a 30 minute play, completely outside of school. The kids cast, direct, build sets, rehearse, and perform, all pretty much on their own. Why? Well, judges are called in and the winning class gets $100 for their class treasury, and more importantly, bragging rights. Class pride is on the line and spirit runs high.

This year, comedies were the main offerings of the classes. The Freshmen presented "French Toast," a funny play about a groom with some troubles. The Seniors offered "The Director," about the difficulties of putting on a play. Juniors presented "The Great Smokies" about a hillbilly family. And the Sophomores presented "Time Weaver," a James Bond spoof with lots of clever details.

When the votes were tabulated, The class of 2000 had won big, taking not only Best Play, but Best Set as well. Sophomore Jeff Turcotte took Best Supporting Actor honors while Seniors Jill Pavone and Laurent Benedetti repeated as Best Actress and Best Actor.

Freshmen Laura Buckley, Lindsay Garvey and Renee Chevalier move quickly to dismantle their set after their play is over. Classes have only five minutes between each play, so time is of the essence.

Jon Pearlin adjusts the leaves of Dave Morrissey, who is playing the part of the plant in the Junior play. The juniors really learned how to line dance for their hillbilly play.

Mrs. Tetler has an armfull of trophies, ready to be awarded. The trophies are engraved with the winners' names and kept in school for all posterity to see. Don't drop them Mrs T.!

The Senior Class in action. Jill Pavone gets the bad news from Doctor Millie Hanscom that her Dad, Peter Bonneau, is dead. A truly cultured performance.

Student Council President Millie Hanscom, Brendan Mahoney, Kelly Quinn, and Sam Sawdon listen to a motivational speaker at the Cape Cod conference.

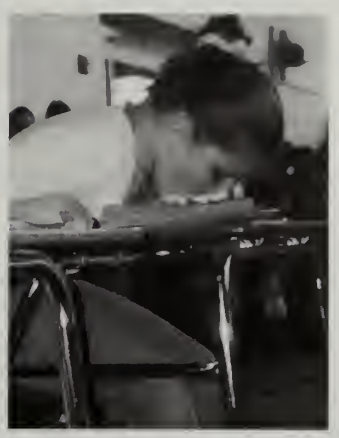
Aaron Roberts and Jess Smola put the finishing touches on the balloon heart that served as an archway entrance to the Valentine's Dance.

KimO'Neil, Katie Barry, Laura Buckley, Matt Monroe, Sarah Morse, Millie Hanscom, Laurent Benedetti, and John Casamassima serve Hot Cocoa at the football game on Halloween. The concession stand helps Student Council raise money.

Student Council treasurer Aaron Roberts takes part in the annual Homecoming week sponsored by the coucil by dressing up as Alfalfa from the Little Rascals.

Meghan, Brendan, Millie, James, Vanessa, Sam, Kelly, Courtney, and Jess are dressed up to attend the banquet at the MASC conference.

Is this a student council conference or a GQ photo shoot? It's classy guys Brendan Mahoney, Aaron Roberts, James Lindberg and Tim Curran.



Kim O'Neil, Freshman class president, gets a face full of pie at the Pep Rally pie eating contest. She lost out to big mouth Kelly Quinn.

Student Council siblings Erica and Matt Monroe sell tickets to the Stelmok family at Play Comps.

At the MASC conference, West Boylston's student council performed a lip sync to Aretha Franklin's "*Respect*." The jazzy performance took second place.

Dances, Rules, and Spirit

Council members work hard to represent students and provide fun activities

Student Coucil is one of the most active clubs in the school. The council, led by adviser Mrs. Hudson, won an excellence award . Its members are elected by the student body at large and represent each class.in the high school.

Of course, you know that they organize Homecoming week and the dances. They also run the Pep rallies, Play Comps, school store, and do the announcements every day. But did you know they do lots of other things too? They run the concession stand at the football games. They read to elementary students on Community Reading Day. They knock on doors at parent's night They help out in the community by serving at the Senior Center's Chrismas party and by donating a Thanksgiving Dinner a needy family in town.

Student Council members gain a lot of their skills by attending a conference at the Cape each year. For many members, it's the high light of the year. That's basically what Council all about...being involved and having fun.

New and old members of the National Honor Society are dressed up for the induction ceremony on March 25.

N.H.S.

The members of the National Honor Society worked hard to make this an excellent year. Inducting 18 new members this year, Mrs. Roy had her work cut out for her in making the induction ceremony run smoothly. Behind the scenes, President Meghan Barry and secretary Kim Rotti coordinated one of the groups major ativities, raising funds for the scholarship fund.

Megan Barry, President of the NHS, gives a speech at the induction ceremony.

Talented sophomore Ally Cote practices playing the piano in the auditorium for the induction ceremony.

Newly inducted members celebrated their selection along side veteran members.

Honor Societies

Abita Raj and Monique Bonneau sell West Boylston notecards to support NAHS.

Senior NAHS members Kelly Quinn and Erin Acomb work on preparing artwork for the art show.

N.A.H.S.

The National Art Honor Society has been very busy this year. One of the highlights of the year was the trip to New York to visit several museums. At the induction ceremony, where 30 new members joined the ranks, a slide show showcasing the work of the members was shown. The group also did several fund raising activities.

Mike Berkey designs a pot using the pottery wheel.

Clubs that Challenge Your Conscience and Your Mind

Members of the AIDS Action Committee meet in front of their symposium bulletin board.

The **AIDS Action Committee** sponsored many activities throughout the year to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS. In the fall, they raised money to help the community. On December 1st, they ran a CD raffle in honor of World AIDS day and to help raise awareness in the high school. In the Spring, they sponsored an AIDS symposium for juniors which featured, among other activities, the chance to listen to David Ellis, a man who is living with AIDS. The club also collected shampoo to donate to AIDS Project Worcester. The group helps AIDS Project Worcester in the summer by participating in the Walk for Life. The students in the AIDS Action committee are proud to serve others in need and educate us about the facts of this deadly disease.

This year has been a successful one for the staff of "**Dickenson's Ribbons**," the literary magazine. The number of people who have joined the club has been steadily increasing over the three years of its existence and next year promises to be our best year! With the help of a grant, we will be purchasing a computer to aid in future production of the journal. This year, two issues were produced, each displaying short stories, artwork and poetry by various students. With Ms. Montouri as the adviser and Sarah Buckley as the Editor-in-Chief, the journal's name is an allusion to the poetry of Emily Dickenson. Perhaps one day, one of the almost 30 contributors will be as well known for his writing.

This piece of artwork by Abita Raj served as the cover for the literary journal.

Emily Howe, peer mediator, makes a bulletin baord highlighting voluteering opportunities

The **Peer Mediators** are a group of students who work with Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Choquette and have a simple wish — helping all of us who work so closely together every day get along better. One of the most noticeable ways they do this is by sponsoring "Feel Good Week" every year. It's format is similar to Homecoming week in that each day is set aside for special tasks, but the week is noncompetitive and tries to do what is says -- make people feel better. They do this with activities like Kindergarten day where you could play in the gym during lunch, complement sticker day and an activity that encouraged you to get to know other members of the school community by collecting strands of yarn for your friendship necklace.

And now... Here's the people to blame if your name is misspelled...

1998 Yearbook Staff

People Section Editor: Tara Fanning collected senior write ups and baby pictures. Tracking down every last booster was a chore!

Sports Section Editor: Millie Hanscom spent many hours collecting scoreboards and writing stories that captured the season.

Activities Section Editor: Magan McCabe organized clubs for photos, wrote photo captions and made sure events were covered.

Ads Section Editor: Sarah Morse contacted busineeses, kept track of checks and ad contracts and completed ad lay-outs.

Most of the yearbook staff showed up for the meeting on this day - Mrs. Bowen, Christin Chenard, Erin Acomb, Magan McCabe, Kelly Quinn, Libbie Armstrong, and Chad Caton. We had help from others including Tara Fanning, Aaron Roberts, and Abita Raj.

Junior Libbie Armstrong crops photos after school in Mrs. Bowen's room.

Above left: **Editor-in Chief Kelly Quinn** worked many long hour days cropping photos, completing lay-outs and keeping Mrs. Bowen filled with cheez-balls. Here, she plays with plastic models of seniors who don't turn in their write-ups on time.

Junior staff members Christin Chenard and Chad Caton look through the picture box to select quality photos for the yearbook.

Jill Barton and Angela Lawrence sing a duet at the spring concert, accompanied on the guitar by Mike Mazzone.

Jess Smola, the student director of the Pep Band, leads the band during the winter concert, with the help of Santa Claus.

The concert is over. All the months of practicing and rehearsing have been worth it and the band members rise for their final bow.

Saxophonist Dave Morrissey prepares his reed as he awaits his turn on the stage.

Mrs. Johnson leads jazz band members Brett Younginger, Jess Smola, Corrine Mancevice, Aaron Roberts, Emily Howe and Heidi Peterson in a foot-tapping number.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Hebert work hard with the band and chorus students and they deserve our...

Musical Cheers

Talented senior Laurent Benedetti can be heard practicing long after school gets out. Here, he performs one of the pieces in his repetoire.

Chorus members try to control the butterflies in their stomachs outside the auditorium in the hallway, while they wait for their call to file on the risers.

Mrs. Johnson welcomes parents and friends to the annual winter concert which features many holiday numbers.

The High School chorus performs at the annual winter concert.

Student Council held a spring pep ralley and a Spring Fling dance. The dance featured local band "PROSPECT"

Springtime Fun

Members of The Student Council perform their lip sync, "Respect" for the school.

Jonas Cope rides a big wheel bike in a relay race at the spring pep rally.

Brendan Mahoney, Aaron Roberts, James Lindberg, and Tim Curran show their stuff in the student council lip sync.

Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Menardi, and Mrs. Hudson perform in the wildly popular faculty lip-sync "Vacation."

Junior Brendan Mahoney, member of the band "Prospect," sings to the audience during his band's performance at the Spring Fling dance.

Matt Demma shows his stuff during the dance.

Jeff Pearlin, Brendan Mahoney, Jon Pearlin and Kevin Hennessey make up the band "Prospect" which played during the Spring Fling. As the band gains experience, it also gains popularity.

Bill Larabe, Eric Lamarche, Amy Menard, and Ben Attela look to be truly entertained by "Prospect."

Tim Curran, Steve Carlo, Steve Flanagan, Jo Leith, Shawn O'neil and Brian Richardson dress up for the Spring Fling.

Melissa Nowak, Kelly Bjorkland, Angela Lawrence, Heidi Peterson, Libbie Armstrong, and Katie Perry enjoy traditional English fine dining.

Samantha Sawdon, Katy Roach, Kim Rotti, and Jessica Smola pose by an Englsih statue.

Jonas Cope, Brendan Mahoney, Brett Younginger, Ben Atella, Dave Morissey, and Joe Cavan, are entertained by a bag pipe player in Scotland.

Lauren Johnson is attacked by a yellow man on the streets.

Brendan Mahoney and Tim Curran get an amazing view of England.

Juniors and Seniors visit Shakespeare's homeland

ENGLAND TRIP

Juniors and Seniors pose in front of a picturesque English cottage.

Dave Morrisey and Samantha Sawdon stand atop a mountain enjoying the view.

Mr. Callaghan, Ms. McCaffrey-Clark, and students learn that bowling shoes are just as ugly in England as they are in America, but that doesn't spoil the fun.

Kim Rotti, Mr. Callaghan, Samantha Sawdon, Mark Mc Cafferey, Tim Curran, and Mr. Richard enjoy the view from atop an English castle.

Samantha Sawdon as the stepmonther is quite disturbed at Cinderella's work as is Kelly Bjorkland, playing Joy her daughter.

Prince Charming, played by Jonathan Earls, and Cinderella, played by Jill Barton, dance together at the ball.

Sydney Davis, Karrie Bouthiller, and Dana Tambeau discuss the gossip in the town.

Jillian Pavone as one of the wicked stepsister seems to be taking a momentary break from her evil ways.

Lindsey Early, Karrie Bouthiller, Laura Bounville, and Angela Lawrence act out a scene in the play.

Laurent Benedetti as the Herald dances jubilantly.

The Prince, Jonathan Earls and Cinderella, Jill Barton, dance happily together.

Liz Bridleman, The Fairy Godmother, gets ready to cast her spell on Cinderella.

Nadeige Pochette as Steward gives Kristina Fancy, The Queen, some rather intersting information

Pumkins to Coaches

The Performing Arts Workshop works hard and once again puts on a great Spring Musical!

This year members of the Performing Arts Workshop performed the musical, *Cinderella*. With lavish costumes and big dance numbers, the show proved to be extremley entertaining for all who attended. In a truly inter-disciplary class, The PAW is composed of art, chorus, and drama students who combine efforts to put on an unforgettable musical each year during second semester. This year the lead parts were played by Junior Jill Barton as Cinderella and Senior Jonathan Earls as The Prince. The rest of the cast was played by members in grades nine through twelve. The class becomes more popular each year, led by teachers Mrs. Johnson, Mr. White and Mrs. Tetler. The workshop will strongly miss many graduating seniors, many of whom are very talented performers. Perhaps they will appear someday on stages with brighter lights and be appreciated by audiences larger than West Boylston.

Jill Prudente, Erica Monroe, Melissa Ivers, Caitlin Wilson , and Courtney Koppenal show that they don't seemed to mind dressing up for the occasion.

We get a "worm's eye view" of juniors Paul Tringuk, Alan Clark, and Dave Morissey showing off their dancing style.

Seniors Jeffrey Abramson and Tim Dunn boogie the night away.

The 1998 Prom Court, including Paul Tringuk, Talia Mecurio, King Tim Curran, Queen Sarah Buckley, Kim Rotti and Alan Clark.

Sunset Boulevard

Juniors create a night that was unforgettable for all

King Tim Curran and Queen Sarah Buckley dance after being crowned.

Stephanie Serewicz and Heather Langanelli pose for a picture in between songs.

Jonas Cope, Ben Pellerin, and Dave Morrissey start a conga line during the prom. Look closely for the police car in the backround - we don't want this conga line to get out of hand!

Sophmore, Junior and Senior guys smile for a pre-prom shot. Look at all these handsome fellas. Who needs Leo D.?

To ensure safe mornings and fun for the whole night, an after-prom party was held at In-line Sports. Among the many activities was sumo wrestling.

To conclude their final week, seniors celebrated with a wonderful class trip and a bittersweet Baccaulareate service.

Senior Week

Jessica Shumway, Erin Acomb, Kristin Triola and Jon Earls watch the hypnotist who performed at the resort on their class trip.

It must have been an exciting time at the class trip because Steven Flanagan and Kelly Quinn needed to take a nap on the bus on theway home.

The Seniors ride in luxury to their class trip to Conneticut. After all their hard work, they deserve the deluxe bus! Is that a bathroom in the back?

Jeff Abramson, Jon Earls, and Shawn Smith spent one of their last days as schoolmates visiting Hampton Beach.

Shawn Smith gets ready to play some serious ping pong at the class trip.

Sydney Davis gives a meaningful speech during the Baccaulareate service.

Seniors Erin Dupuis, Sam Sawdon, Liz Bridleman, and Jill Morissey get ready to begin the NAHS induction ceremony held during senior week.

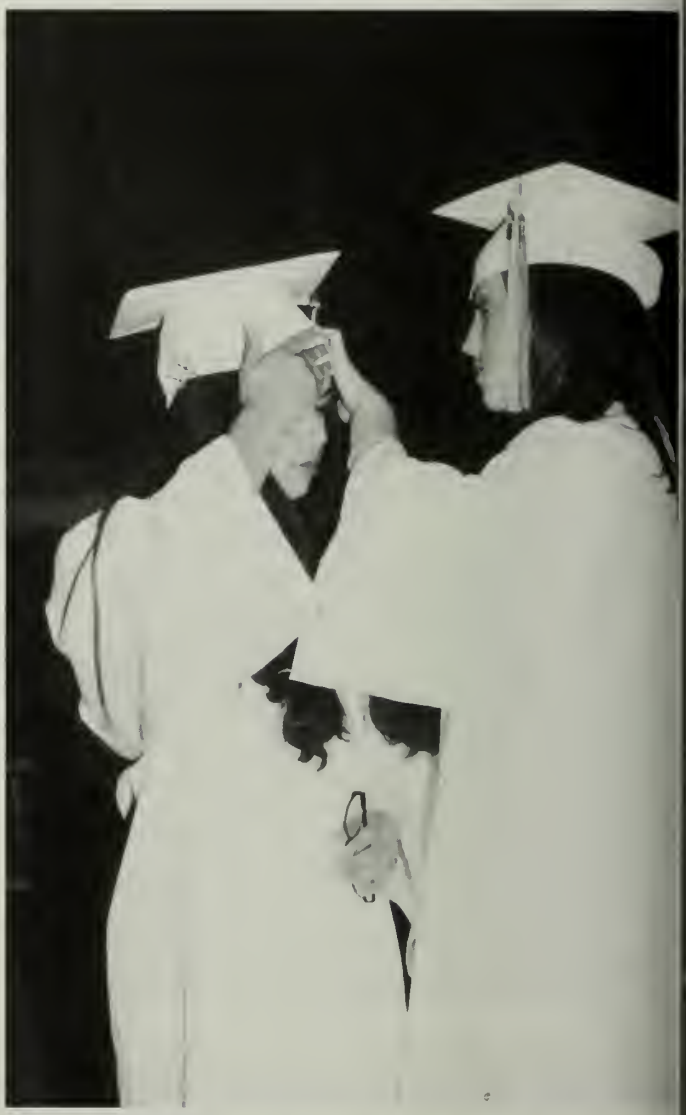
Liz Bridleman and Laurent Benedetti perfrom the duet "Blackbird" during the Baccaulareate service.

Senior girls take a break from the activities at the school during the activity day provided by the Juniors.

Graduation 1998

Tara Fanning adjusts Tana Valentine's cap before the graduation ceremony.

Kelly Quinn, class president, makes her graduation speech.



The members of the Class of 1998 turn their tassels, symbolizing the end of their high school career.

Adam Witkowicz and Christopher Noonan listen to Mrs. Bullock's graduation advice while waiting anxiously for their diplomas

Senior girls are all smiles after the conclusion of their graduation ceremony.

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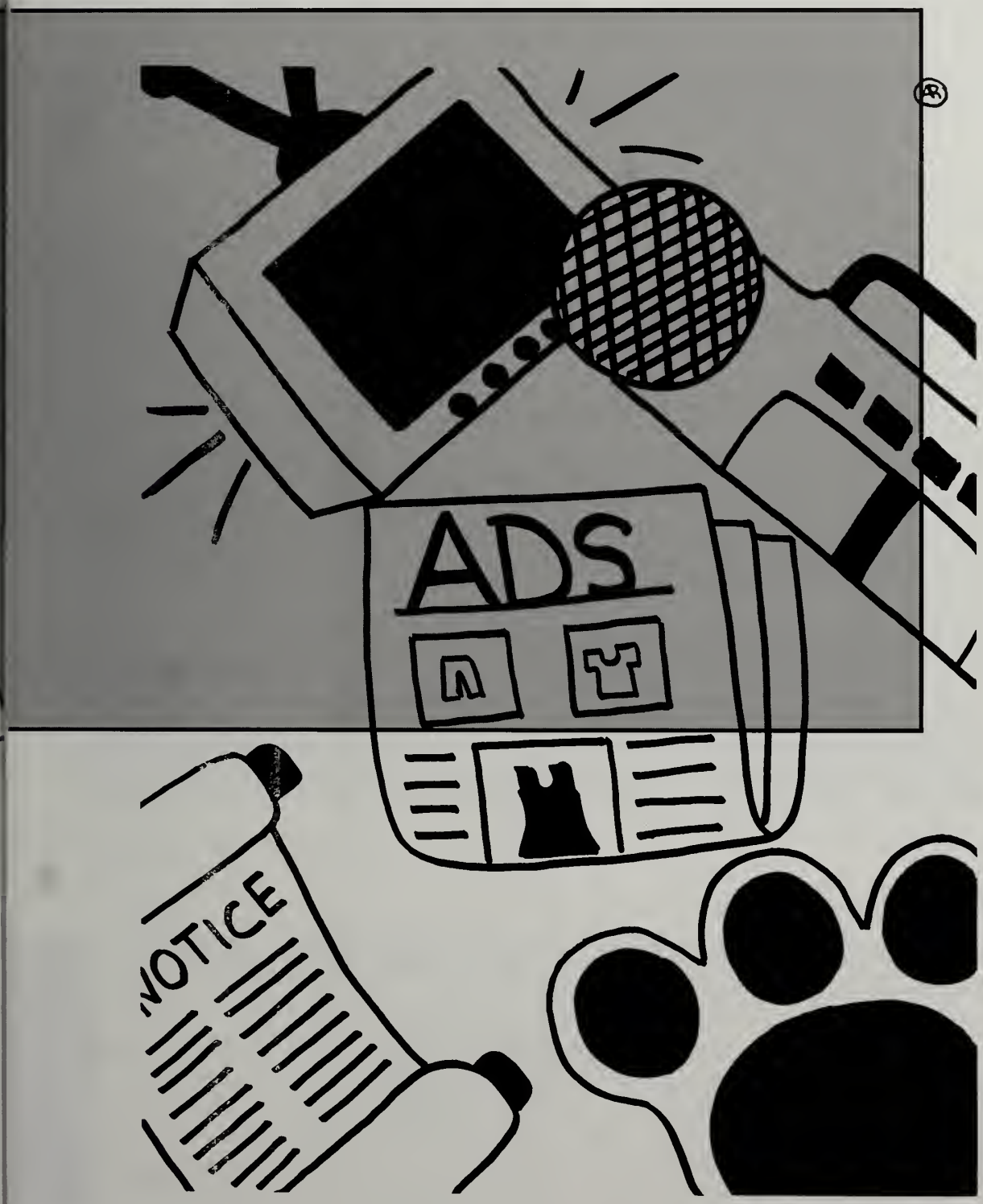

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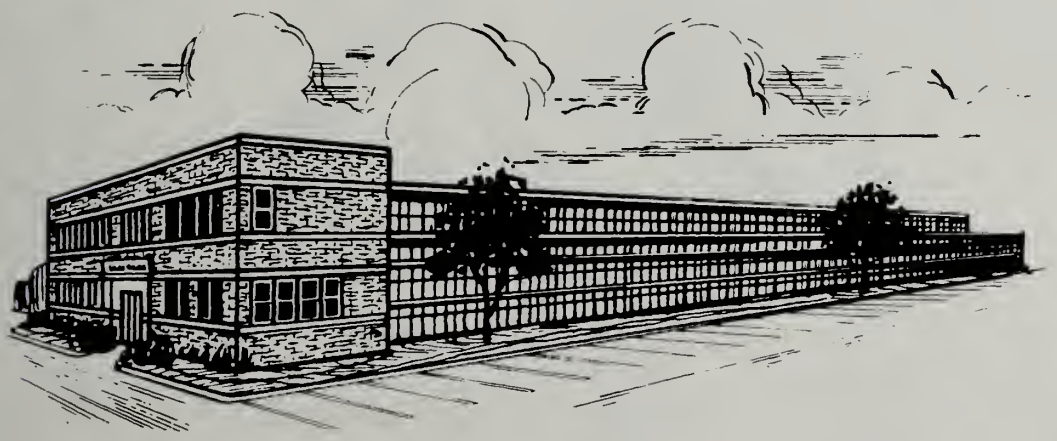

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Tom P. & Family- I made it, but not without your help. Wherever I go and whatever I do, your strength will always be a part of me. Thank you. Love, Chris

Syd- Well? I think we were on a bit of a b, but at least I'm enjoying the ride! -Chris
Rob- Town, I won't throw up. Wherever there's trouble we'll find it, and if we can't; we'll create it. Noonan

To all who encountered me- Whether good, bad, or indifferent, it's now my turn to make sense of all this madness... Love & Thanks- Chris Noonan

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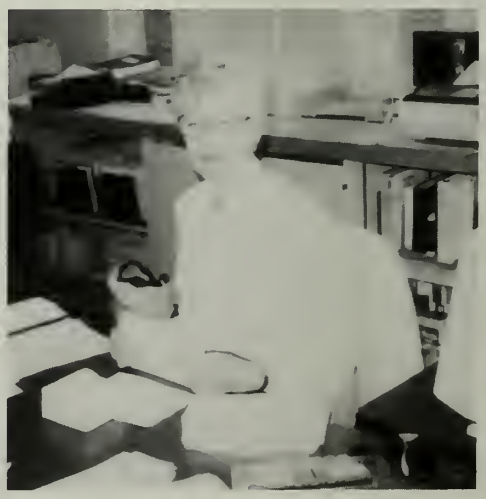

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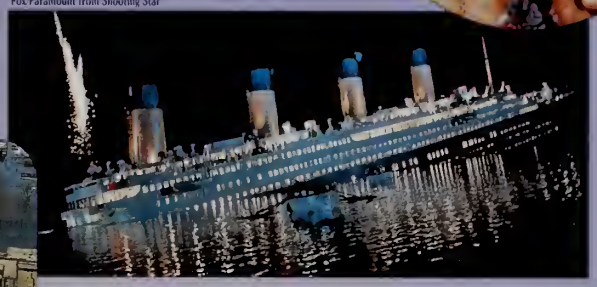

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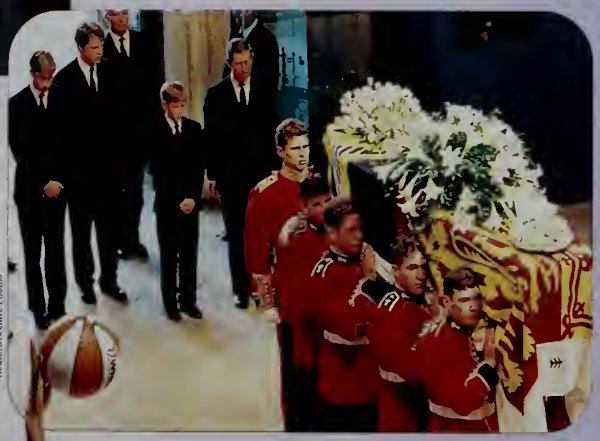

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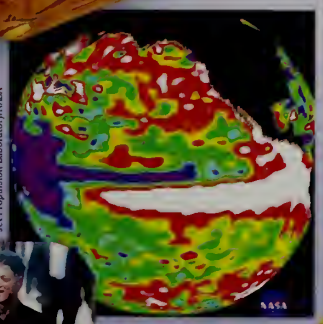

Faces

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Lifestyle

World news

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Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.

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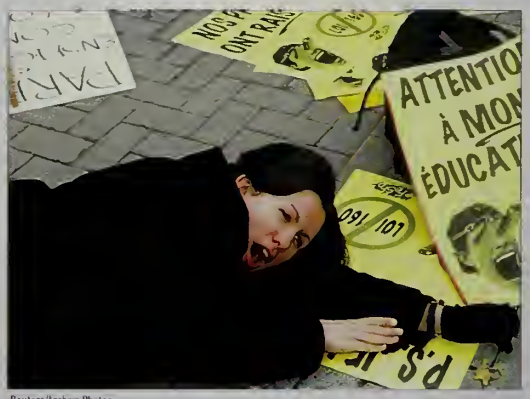
Asian economic turmoil triggers global unrest. In October, Hong Kong's stock market crashes. Asian countries receive billions in bailout dollars from the International Monetary Fund.



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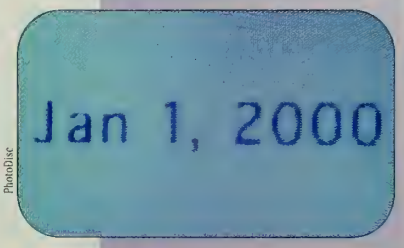
A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.

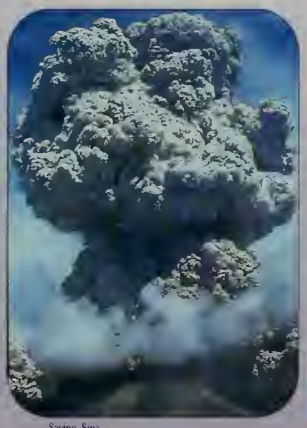
AP/Wide World

Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.



PhotoDisc

Governments and businesses worldwide race to remedy the "Year 2000" problem. Unless key computer systems are reprogrammed to recognize dates in the new century the world faces the threat of catastrophic failure in critical areas like banking, air safety, public utilities and defense.



Savino, Sipa

Montserrat, once called "the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean," is devastated by ongoing eruptions from a volcano that had been dormant for 400 years. Two-thirds of the populace evacuates.

flash

Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October, causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities. The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.

Archive Photos

The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.

AP/Wide World

After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.

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Tim Graham, Sygma

Diana, Princess of Wales, one of the world's most famous and admired women, dies at 36 in a violent car crash in Paris on August 31.

AP/Wide World

The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.

Reuters/Archive Photos

One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.

At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

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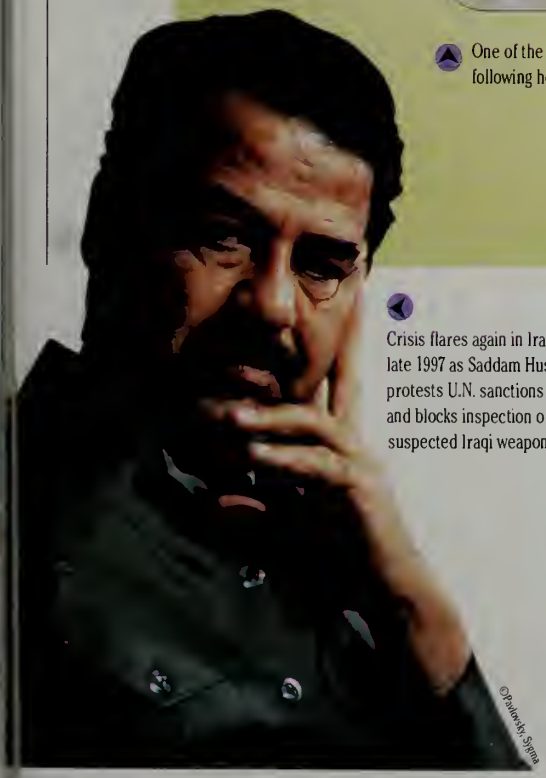

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Crisis flares again in Iraq in late 1997 as Saddam Hussein protests U.N. sanctions and blocks inspection of suspected Iraqi weapon sites.

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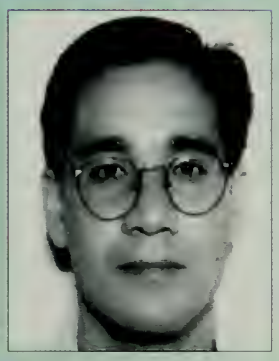
In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises $3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: $222,500.

National news

Brooks Kraft, Sygma

In April 1997, floods ravage the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.



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On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a $150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.

Jonathan Elderfield, Gamma/Liaison

Joe Camel is snuffed out as the Federal Trade Commission bans tobacco advertising aimed at minors and institutes sweeping tobacco advertising restrictions.

AP/Wide World

Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.

flash

Theodore Kaczynski admits he is the Unabomber responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 others in an 18-year bombing campaign. His January 1998 guilty plea spares Kaczynski the death penalty but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility of release.

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.

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British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to involuntary manslaughter and releases her.

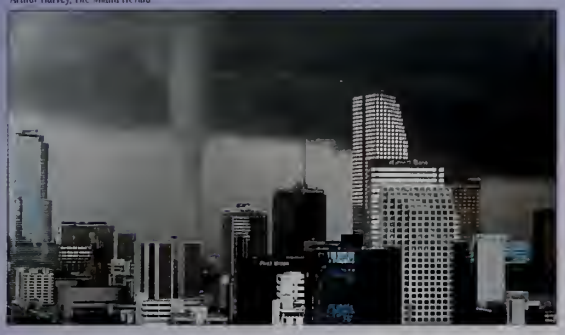
AP/Wide World

Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh is later sentenced to death.

Patrick Hagerty, Sygma

First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeying orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.

Arthur Harvey, The Miami Herald



A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

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Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.

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Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.

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Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.

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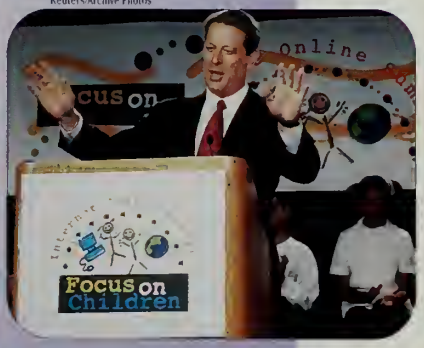

At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.

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UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.

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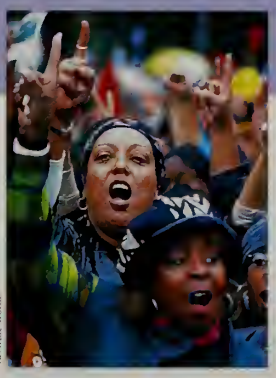
Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with *E. coli* bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

flash

The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.



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On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.

Science news

NASA

Viewers worldwide see the first-ever high-resolution color pictures of Mars when the *Pathfinder* spacecraft lands July 4. The lander and its rover, Sojourner, collect and transmit extraordinary data for three months.

AP/Wide World

For $8.36 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "Sue," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.

NASA

Russia's aging *Mir* space station collides with an unmanned supply vehicle in June and is seriously damaged. This is only one in a series of crises casting doubt on the viability of the station.

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Scottish scientists in February 1997 announce the world's first cloning of an adult mammal. The sheep, named Dolly, fuels controversy over possible misuse of the technology.

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In September, CAT scans of petrified dinosaur eggs found in China reveal a dinosaur embryo.

flash

Fuel cells that convert a fuel's energy directly into electricity are being developed for use in cars, making possible an efficient, low-emission car of the future.

The first prescription pill for male-pattern baldness is approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December. The drug Propecia is made by Merck and Company.

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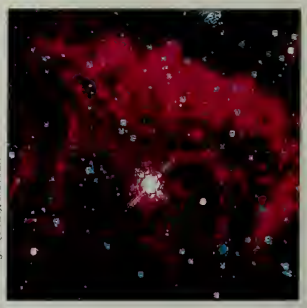
Research produces medical breakthroughs, including a genetically engineered "bullet" molecule being tested to fight cancer and new drugs to control or prevent Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis and congestive heart failure.

Matt Mendleson

The popular diet regimen fen-phen is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug Redux, also recalled.



Don F. Figer (UCLA), and NASA

Aided by the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers discover the Pistol Star—the brightest star yet observed in the Milky Way. The Pistol Star is 25,000 light years from Earth.

Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4397.

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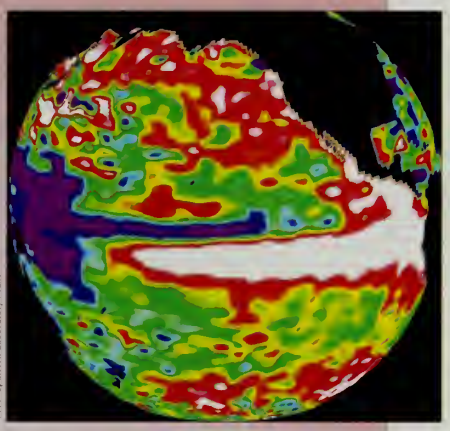

Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA

El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-than-normal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.

On October 13, the British jet car *Thrust SSC* becomes the first vehicle to break the sound barrier on land, traveling 766.6 miles per hour in the Nevada desert.

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In December, 159 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan, and negotiate a climate treaty to combat global warming by reducing greenhouse gases.

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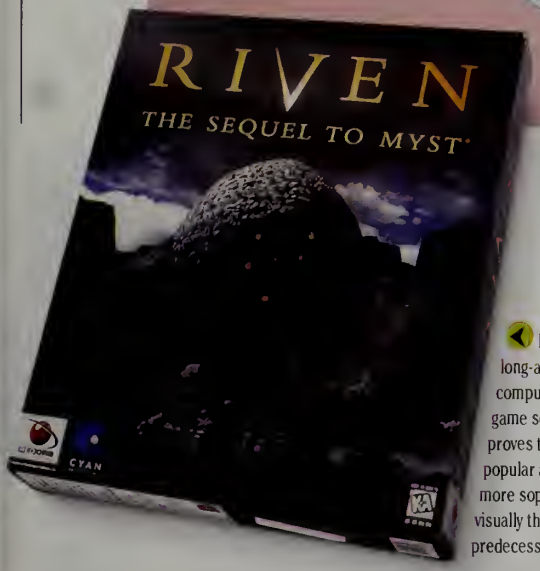
Protesters unsuccessfully attempt to prevent the October launch of NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft to Saturn, fearing an accident could shower the Earth with the rocket's radioactive plutonium.

The Food and Drug Administration approves a dental laser for treating cavities. Unlike traditional dental drills, the laser in most cases causes virtually no discomfort.

Premier Laser Systems, Inc.



Riven, the long-awaited computer adventure game sequel to Myst, proves to be just as popular and even more sophisticated visually than its predecessor.

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Hong Kong authorities in December order the slaughter of more than a million chickens in an effort to halt the spread of a bird flu virus that killed six people.

The space shuttle *Columbia* releases the errant *Spartan* satellite in November. U.S. astronaut Winston Scott and Takao Doi, the first Japanese astronaut to do a space walk, retrieve the satellite for return to Earth.

Reuters/Archive Photos

French oceanographer and award-winning filmmaker Jacques Cousteau dies in June at 87. His work gained renown through the popular television series "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

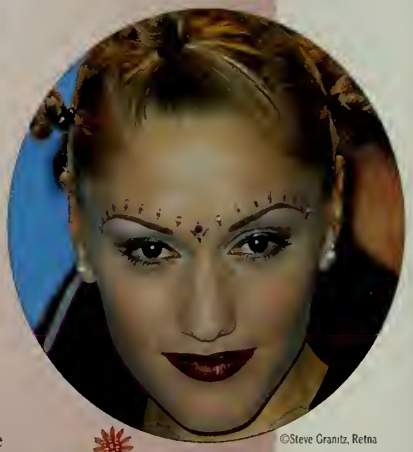
Lifestyle

Teen People, a savvy monthly magazine for and about teenagers, premieres in February 1998.

AP/Wide World

Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.

In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.



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Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.

flash

Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on T-shirts and posters.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.

Christian Dior

This year's look in cosmetics is glimmering, sparkling and colorful. Riding this wave, cosmetics giant Christian Dior introduces Mascara Flash, temporary hair color in a variety of outrageous tints.

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Platform shoes, a fashion statement during the disco '70s, make a style comeback in a big way in 1997, inspiring even platform sneakers.

AP/Wide World

"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two overweight, middle-aged women.

General Motors

The Chevrolet Corvette is named *Motor Trend* magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.

After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.

AP/Wide World

Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.

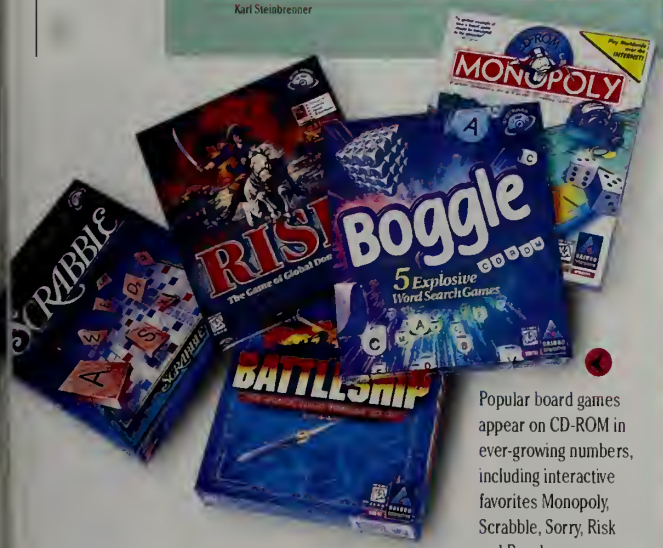
A new $50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Karl Steinbrenner

Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.

Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."



Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Sorry, Risk and Boggle.

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Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.

Entertainment news

ABC from the Kobal Collection

ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.

Universal Studios, Inc., from Shooting Star

The Lost World, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns $229 million in the U.S.

AP/Wide World

Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

Columbia/Mandalay from the Kobal Collection

Gino Mifsud, Shooting Star

Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.

Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.

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In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.

Fox from Shooting Star

Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.

Dimension Films from the Kobal Collection

Scream 2, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.

Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

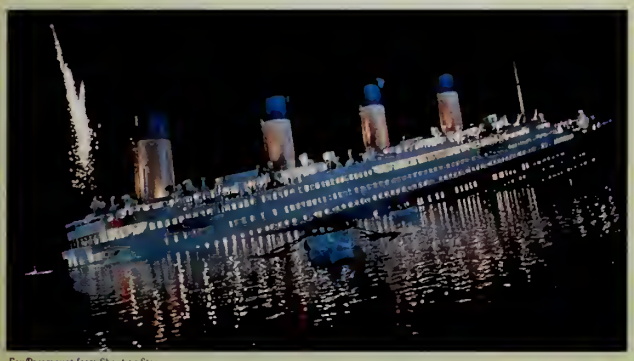
Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

CBS Entertainment from Shooting Star

AP/Wide World

Titanic is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this $200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned $308 million.



Fox/Paramount from Shooting Star

Star Wars captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.

AP/Wide World

Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.

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Paramount from Shooting Star

Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.

Columbia Tristar from Shooting Star

Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than $500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

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The Wonderful World of Disney **presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.**

Tomorrow Never Dies**, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.**

AP/Wide World

The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

Music News

AP/Wide World

Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.

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Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.

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Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.

Jay Blakesberg, Retna

Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.

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With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.

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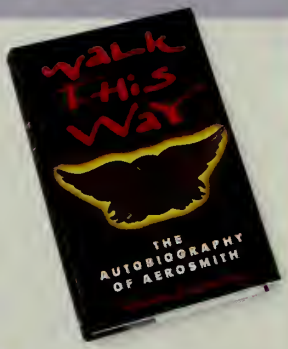
Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.



Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.

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Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.

British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

Ron Davis, Shooting Star

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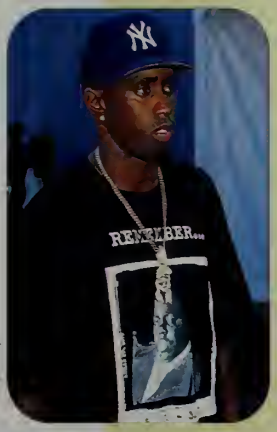
Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.

Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes big time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in *Billboard* magazine.



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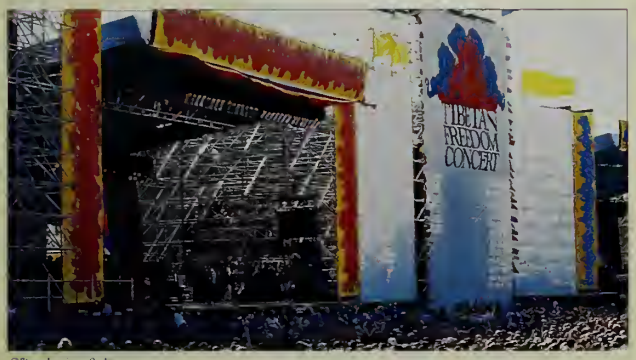
The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.



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Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard*'s blues chart with his album *Lie to Me*.

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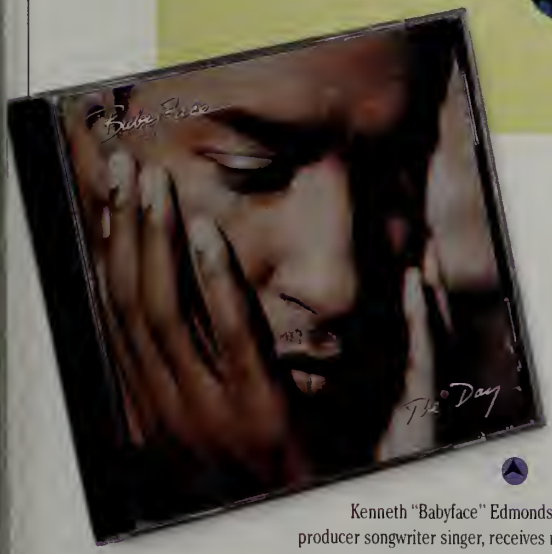
At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.



Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, superstar producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.

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Metallica releases a seventh album, *Re-Load*, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in the music world.

Radiohead is *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year. Critics praise Radiohead's album *OK Computer*, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutable, stunning and gorgeous. The album receives a 1998 Grammy nomination for Rock/Pop Album of the Year.

Sports news

AP/Wide World

The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.

Reuters/Archive Photos

In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.

AP/Wide World

Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances.

AP/Wide World

Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly $3 million and his boxing license is revoked.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of $2.1 million for the season.

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Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux retires in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.

In April 1997, the premier issue of *Sports Illustrated Women* hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports.

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Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record $1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Garnett's $126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

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Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.

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Jeff Gordon, at 26, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,710.

Scott Cunningham, NBA/Allsport

The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.

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Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

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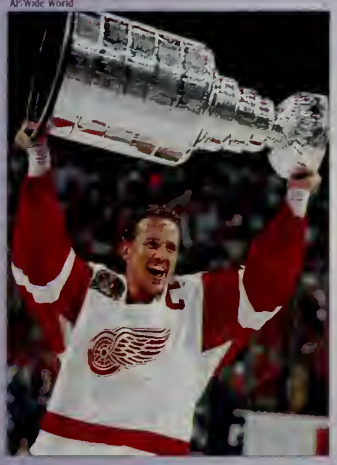

Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.

When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

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In its debut season, the WNBA exceeds all league expectations for success. The Houston Comets' championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.

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Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kanter and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in baseball history with back-to-back, 50-home-run seasons, the other being Babe Ruth.

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Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. *Sports Illustrated* names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.

Faces

Shooting Star

Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.

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Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.

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Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.

J.T. MacMillan, San Diego Union-Tribune

Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.

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For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.

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American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.

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Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges $1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.

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Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns $1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

Senator John Denver dies in October at 53 when his experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Pacific Ocean Bay.

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Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.

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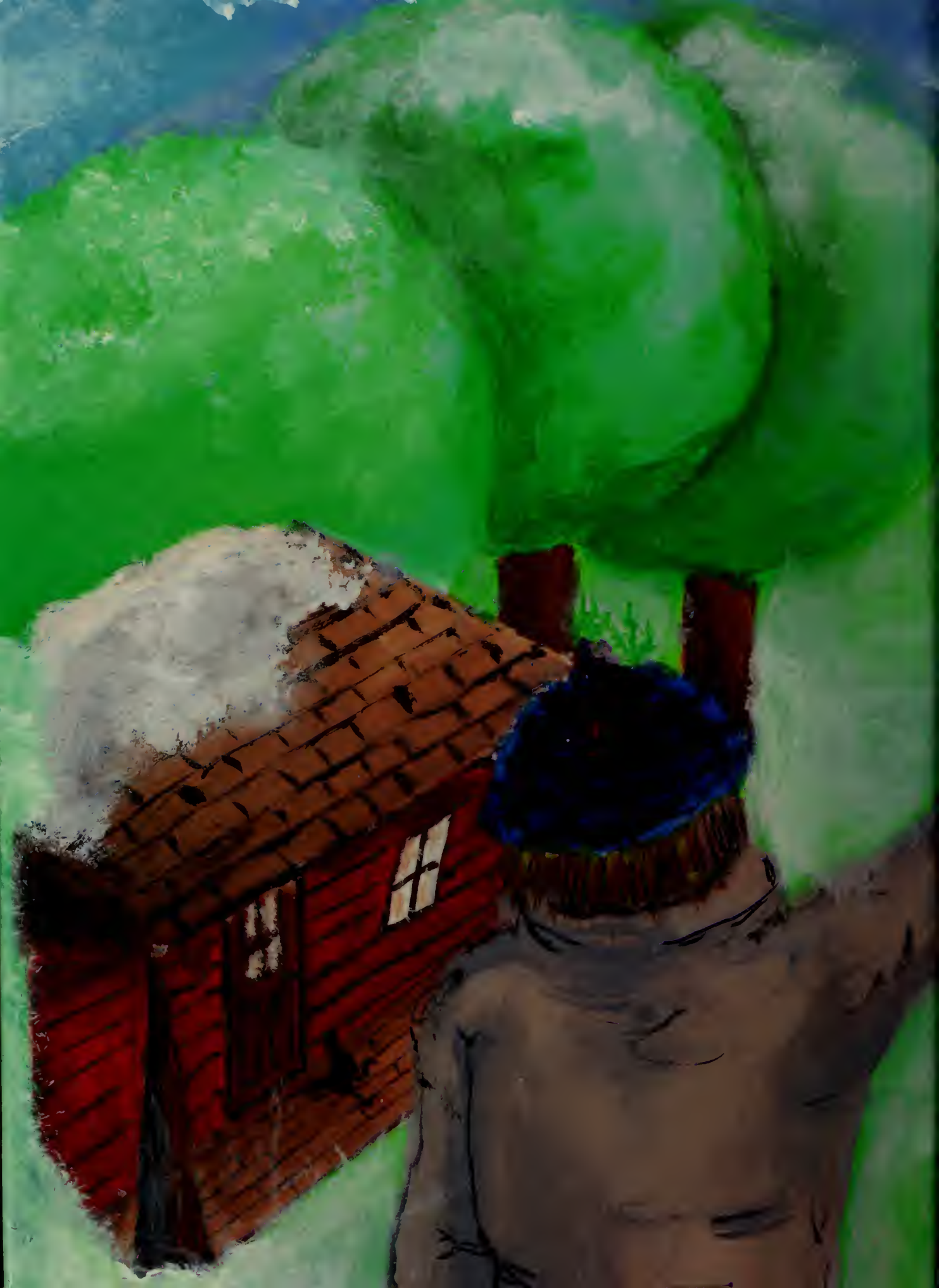
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